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New School Policy for Mobile Phones

See it?

LOSE IT!



Hear it?

LOSE IT!

Dear Parent/Carer

Dalbeattie High School accepts that parents and carers give their children mobile phones to protect them from everyday risks involving personal security and safety. There is also increasing concern about children travelling alone on public transport or commuting long distances to school. It is acknowledged that providing a child with a mobile phone gives parents reassurance that they can contact their child if they need to speak to them urgently.

Dalbeattie High School has a new Mobile Phone Policy that pupils must now abide by. After considerable consultation, this policy has been approved by both the Pupil Council and the Parent Council. In summary, the policy states that Mobile phones should be switched off and kept out of sight during classroom lessons and while in the school building. An exception may be permitted only in extreme circumstances if the parent or carer specifically requests it through the School Office. Such requests will be handled on a case-by-case basis and should be directed to a member of the management team.

Parents and carers are reminded that in cases of emergency, the school office remains a vital and appropriate point of contact and can ensure your child is reached quickly and assisted in any appropriate way. Students who infringe the rules set out in the policy could face having their phones confiscated (Lose It!) by teachers. Students have been informed of this policy via Tutors. The full policy can be found on the school website, or you can request a copy from the school office. If you have any questions please get in touch with the School.

Please find attached the user agreement form which I would ask you to complete, sign and return to the school via your child who should return it to their Tutor no later than **Friday 19 February 2010**. Your cooperation in this is much appreciated.

Yours sincerely

Susan Bain
Headteacher