

ELECTRONIC DEVICES POLICY

Rationale:

- The use of iPads, iPhones, iPods, MP3 players and similar devices in class is disruptive to the learning environment of some students. These devices are not permitted during class time at our school, unless they are tools sanctioned by the teacher for the purpose of the lesson.

Aims:

- To ensure that optimal learning opportunities are available for all students, free of distraction and unnecessary noise.

Implementation:

- Manifold Heights Primary School permits, but discourages, the bringing of electronic devices to school.
- Students who have a mobile phone for use before or after school must have them switched off and out of sight in their class teachers locked draw for the duration of the school day.
- Electronic devices such as those listed above may used in classrooms if they are tools sanctioned by the teacher for the purpose of the lesson.
- Electronic devices will be confiscated, labelled and taken to the office for collection by the student at the end of the school day if they are sighted or used during school time (this include excursions, camps and activities off school grounds), except when permission has been provided by the classroom teacher, or the teacher in charge of the activity.
- Refusal to hand over an electronic device to a teacher for confiscation will result in a disciplinary procedure.
- Neither the Department of Education or Manifold Heights Primary School have insurance to cover private goods if lost or stolen. As such we accept no liability in the event of lost, stolen or damaged electrical devices, and will not reimburse staff or students in this instance.

Evaluation:

- School Council will review, as part of the school's review cycle.

This policy was last ratified by School Council on....

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