



Uryside School

Mobile Phone and Devices Policy Statement

Aberdeenshire Council issued revised guidance to schools in May 2008 regarding mobile phones in schools. Uryside school is supported by this advice. Our school stance is as follows.

- 1. Pupils are permitted mobile phones and other multimedia devices in school, however these devices must not be used and stored safely in by the class teacher or in the child's school bag at their own risk.**
- 2. The school's ICT curriculum will continue to address the safe use of mobile phones, internet etc. Through awareness raising school focus weeks and school curriculum development.**
- 3. Where a pupil is found using a mobile phone in school, including the playground, the phone will be taken from the pupil and placed with the Head Teacher or Depute. Parents will then be contacted.**
- 4. If a pupil is found taking photographs or video footage with mobile phones or any other multi media devices of either pupils or staff, this will be regarded as a serious offence and the Head Teacher will decide on appropriate disciplinary action. In certain circumstances, the matter may be referred to the Police. If images of other pupils and staff have been taken, the phone/multi media device will not be returned to the pupil until the images have been removed by an appropriate person (Parent/Guardian).**
- 5. Parents/Guardians are advised that Uryside school accepts no liability for the loss or damage of any mobile phone or multi media device brought into school.**

If a pupil needs to contact his/her parents/guardian they will be allowed to use a school phone. If parents/guardians need to contact children urgently they should phone the school office and a message will be relayed promptly.

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