



# Leibler Yavneh College Mobile Phone Policy

## Rationale

Mobile phones, technology and use of the internet are useful tools for communication, socialisation and learning in the 21<sup>st</sup> century. Leibler Yavneh College holds that the safe and responsible use of technology, students' safety and wellbeing, and developing positive social skills and respectful behaviours are key to positive growth and development for our students.

The College also understands that many parents choose to give their children mobile phones to give them tools for connecting with parents should they feel unsafe. The College also recognises the growing influence and reliance that society has on technology and that mobile phones are an important tool for communication and connection. Yet research has shown that use of mobile phones can be disruptive to learning both within and outside of the classroom. It can undermine students' capacity to think, learn, remember, pay attention and regulate emotion.

At recess and lunchtime, opportunities for students to communicate with each other face-to-face or be involved in physical activity are also imperative to adolescent wellbeing and development. When students are focused on a mobile phone, particularly when they are using it to engage with social media, these important interactions are impeded. Face-to-face contact, physical activity and recreation, and time off from screens and texts is a key part of the school day to be enjoyed at breaktimes in school.

### *Definitions*

For the purpose of this policy, a mobile phone is a telephone or any device with access to a cellular (telecommunication) system, with or without a physical connection to a network.

## Policy

From Term 1 2020, students from Years Prep-11 who choose to bring mobile phones to school must have them switched off and unseen during school hours. They may not be on their person at all from when they arrive at school until the final bell of the school day.

Students in Year 12 are permitted to use their mobile phones during recess and lunch only. They are not permitted to use them during study periods. Year 12 students may use their mobile phones strictly in the Common Room at all times. Year 12s are not to have their mobile phones on their person during lessons.

## Implementation

Students are permitted to store their mobile phones in their lockers or school bags but may not switch them on nor use them at any time from their arrival at school until the last bell (4.15pm or on Fridays 3.15pm)

Mobile phones owned by students are brought to school at the owner's risk. Leibler Yavneh College does not take responsibility for the loss, theft or damage to mobile phones that are brought to school. The College strongly recommends that students purchase combination

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locks for their lockers so that they can ensure that their mobile phones are secure throughout the day.

Parents are to be aware that in cases of emergency, the College remains an appropriate point of contact to reach their child quickly. Any student who needs to contact their parents is welcome to do so via the Primary or Secondary office or their Head of Year.

As per the College - Student IT Acceptable Use Policy - accessing networks via a mobile phone for use on school devices is strictly prohibited. Students who are found to be 'hotspotting' with their mobile phone will be sanctioned according to the implementation guidelines below.

## Implementation in the Primary School

First Infringement: The student will be issued with a 30 min lunchtime detention

Second Infringement: The student will be issued with a 30 min detention and will be expected to hand in their phone daily for rest of the term.

## Implementation in the Secondary School

First Infringement: When a student is found to be using a mobile phone or possessing a mobile phone on their person, their mobile phone will be confiscated by a staff member and held in secure storage lockers until the end of the day. The student will be required to collect the mobile phone from the Secondary Office secure storage lockers. They will be issued with an afterschool detention.

Second Infringement: If the student further is found to be using a mobile phone or possessing a mobile phone on the person for a second time, the mobile phone will be confiscated by a staff member and held in secure lockers until the end of day. The student will be issued with an afterschool detention. The student will also be required to hand in their mobile phone daily to the Secondary Office for secure storage until the end of that term.

Further infringements will be dealt with in line with the 'Tahalich' process for behaviour.

### *Further points:*

Students are not permitted to wear wearable devices (Smart watches etc) unless all notifications are switched off and are not permitted to use them for any purposes other than watch/fitness tracking during the school day.

Students who bring iPads or other personal devices must ensure that notifications are switched off and may not use them during the school day.

## Exceptions

Exceptions to the policy may be applied if certain conditions are met under conditions of

- Learning
- Health and Wellbeing
- Managing risk when offsite

Any exceptions to the policy may be applied during school hours if certain conditions are met.

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Teachers or leaders in the school may, in accordance with this policy, grant exceptions to the policy

The exceptions could be;

### Learning related exceptions

Specific Exception	Suggested documentation
For specific learning activities (class-based exception)	Unit of work, learning sequence, lesson plan
For students for whom a reasonable adjustment to a learning program is needed because of a disability and/or learning difficult	Individual Learning Plan or Student Support Plan

### Health and wellbeing-related exceptions

Specific Exception	Suggested documentation
Students with a health condition	Student Support Plan
Students who are Young Carers	A localised student record

### Managing risk when students are offsite

Specific Exception	Suggested documentation
Travelling to and from excursions – only permissible when students are travelling by public transport	Risk assessment planning documentation
Students on excursions and camps**	Risk assessment planning documentation
When students are offsite (not on school grounds) and unsupervised with parental permission	Risk assessment planning documentation

### Breach of Policy (Taken from the social media policy of the school)

A breach of this policy may also involve a breach of other College policies and should be read in conjunction with the:

- Positive Peer Relations Anti Bullying Harassment Policy
- ICT Acceptable Use Policy for Students
- Behaviour Education Policy
- Behaviour Code Years 3-6
- Behaviour Code Prep- 2
- Child Protection Policy
- College Mandatory Reporting
- Social Media Student Policy