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## **BRINGING MOBILE PHONES TO SCHOOL**

Dear Parents,

In line with fostering a strong partnership between the school, parents, and students, and to ensure the safety and privacy of our students, we would like to emphasize the importance of adhering to Ministerial Resolution No. (851) of 2018, particularly Article No. (17), Clause No. (13), which prohibits students from bringing mobile phones to the school campus. This measure aims to prevent the negative impacts associated with mobile phone usage and to promote positive behaviour among students, thereby enhancing their quality of life. We kindly request your cooperation in adhering to the following guidelines:

<u>Periodic Inspections</u>: Schools will conduct periodic inspections to ensure compliance with mobile phone regulations. These inspections will be carried out in a manner that respects students' privacy and aligns with school regulations.

<u>Confiscation Procedures</u>: If a mobile phone is found, it will be confiscated following the guidelines outlined in the Student Conduct Regulations by Ministry of Education. Parents will be notified of the violation and required to sign **Form 24** (Code of Conduct) upon confiscation and **Form 25** (Code of Conduct) for the phone's return.

## **Confiscation durations:**

**First time confiscation:** The phone will be held for one month.

**Second time confiscation:** The phone will be held until the end of the school year.

**Serious Violations:** If photos or recordings of teachers, students, or staff are found, the case will be referred to the Child Rights Unit for further action.

<u>Disciplinary Actions:</u> Penalties outlined in the Code of Conduct will be applied in cases where mobile phones are used for illegal, immoral, or offensive purposes.

Your support in implementing these regulations is crucial to maintaining a positive and safe learning environment for all. We sincerely appreciate your cooperation and commitment to these guidelines.

Thank you for your understanding and continued support.

Regards,

**Principal** 

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