



POLICY: POLICY ON STUDENTS USE OF MOBILE PHONES OR SIMILAR ELECTRONIC DEVICES ON SCHOOL TRIPS

Al Salam Private School is committed to safeguarding and promoting the wellbeing of our children and expects all staff members to share this commitment.

Please be advised that bringing mobile phones or similar electronic devices on school trips **are not allowed for students in the Nursery to Year 3 (inclusive)**.

Increasing sophistication of mobile technology presents a number of issues:

- The high value of mobile phones
- The integration of cameras into phones, iPads leading to potential child protection and privacy issues.

Students in Year 4-12 are allowed to bring their mobile phone or similar electronic devices provided that,

- The school accepts no liability whatsoever for the loss/damage of any personal equipment while on a school trip.
- The camera on the phone is never used (within the school or on trips) by a child to take photographs or video of another child which is then shared on the internet (especially a Social Networking site).

Should Parents/Guardians need to contact students in an emergency, or vice versa, this should be done following the usual school procedure: through the school office, telephone no. 04 2679594

Where a student is found by a member of staff to be using, or in the possession of a mobile phone or electronic device, the mobile phone or electronic device will be taken from the child and returned only at home time.

The right to bring mobile phones onto school premises and on school trips will be revoked if student fails to adhere to school policy.