

# STUDENT MOBILE PHONE POLICY

International School of Creative Science – Nad Al Sheba

# **Student Mobile Phone Policy**

#### Academic Year 2025-2026

Document Information			
Created Date April 2025			
Created by:	Ataullah Parkar	Reviewed by:	Hesham Abdeen
Review Cycle:	Annual	Next Review:	April 2026
Principal: Ataullah Parkar			

#### 1. Introduction and Safeguarding Commitment

At the International School of Creative Science, safeguarding and student well-being are at the heart of all that we do. In line with international research and national expectations in the UAE, including guidance from the UK Department for Education (*Mobile phones in schools: government guidance, 2024*) and KHDA expectations for student safety with the use of personal devices, we recognise the need to minimise risks associated with mobile phone use during the school day.

Evidence shows that unrestricted mobile phone access can lead to increased distraction, cyberbullying, exposure to inappropriate content, and compromised safeguarding within school environments. A safe, focused, and nurturing environment is essential for students to thrive academically, socially, and emotionally.

This policy outlines our approach to mobile phones, with clear procedures that support learning, protect well-being, and maintain high safeguarding standards. Our school's starting point is that mobile phones are distracting and unnecessary in school, and are strictly prohibited from learning environments. We recognise that there may be extenuating circumstances with students travelling long distances that necessitate communication en route, and have designed the following policy with this in mind.

#### 2. Mobile Phone Policy: Primary Phase (FS-Year 6)

- Students in the Foundation and Primary Phase are **not permitted** to bring mobile phones to school.
- In exceptional circumstances where there is a clear need (e.g. complex after-school arrangements), parents may submit an application for approval for students in Year 5 & 6.
- Applications must be completed via the official form (<u>click here</u>). A confirmation will be sent to the registered parent email addresses to confirm the application.
- Students must hand their mobile phone to their class teacher at the start of form time who will store it until the end of the school day.

#### 3. Mobile Phone Policy: Secondary Phase (Year 7–Year 11)

- Students are strongly discouraged from bringing mobile phones to school.
- Where a mobile phone is necessary for **logistical reasons**, parents must submit an application via the official form <u>available here</u>.
- Approved phones must be handed in to the Phase Supervisor every morning upon arrival.
- Phones are not to be used during the school day under any circumstances.
- After school, phones may only be used to make urgent calls to parents and should not taken out in the corridors or the school grounds other than for this reason.

#### 4. Mobile Phone Policy: Secondary Phase (Years 12&13)

- Students in sixth form are considered as young adults, and as such, are given the responsibility to manage their personal devices responsibly.
- Students are permitted to bring mobile phones to school, but it must be kept in their bags in learning environments. They should also not use them whilst walking through corridors.
- Misuse of mobile phones will not be tolerated, and will results in confiscation and collection required from parents.

• The use of social media on school campus is strictly prohibited.

#### 5. Use of Phones on School Transport

- Phones must not be used on school buses.
- Phones should remain securely **stored in the student's bag** during travel.
- If a phone is used without permission on a bus, it will be **confiscated** and retained at the front of the bus for collection by the parent.

#### 6. Use of Phones During School Trips and Residentials

- Students are not permitted to bring mobile phones on day trips.
- For residential trips, specific arrangements regarding phone use will be communicated in advance. All procedures will prioritise safeguarding and controlled use under staff supervision

#### 7. Responsibilities and Compliance

- Staff, Parents and students are expected to familiarise themselves with this policy and support its implementation. Students who are approved to bring mobile phones to school are required to sign a Mobile Phone Safety Contract.
- The school reserves the right to confiscate any mobile device used in breach of this
  policy for the protection of students in school. Confiscated devices will only be handed
  over to parents for collection.
- The school accepts no responsibility for loss, damage, or theft of mobile phones brought to school without authorisation, or when not handed over to the appropriate adults as defined in this policy.

#### 8. Review of Policy

This policy will be reviewed annually or earlier if required, in line with emerging research, parental feedback, and KHDA updates.

# Mobile Phone Policy

This document outlines the International School of Creative Science's (Nad Al Sheba) policy regarding the use of mobile phones in school. It aims to create a safe and focused learning environment.

This policy reflects our commitment to  $\sum_{i=1}^{n}$ safeguarding children at our school.









Students in the Foundation and Primary Phase are not permitted to bring mobile phones to school. Exceptions are made for students in Year 5 & 6 who have extenuating circumstances.



### **Secondary Phase**

Students in the Secondary Phase are strongly discouraged from bringing mobile phones to school. Parents who feel their children need it for travel can apply using the provided link.







Students in Sixth Form are considered as young adults and are permitted to bring their mobile phones to school, but they are not allowed to use them during class or in corridors. Social media use in school is strictly prohibited.



#### School Transport

Mobile phones are not allowed on school buses. Phones must be stored securely in the student's bag. If a phone is used on a bus, it will be confiscated and retained at the front of the bus.







Students are not permitted to bring mobile phones on day trips. For residential trips, specific arrangements regarding phone use will be communicated in advance.

# **Next Steps**

This policy will be implemented from 12th May 2025. To apply for your child to bring their mobile phone to school, please submit the form available here





# سياسة استخدام الهاتف المحمول

تحدد هذه الوثيقة سياسة مدرسة الإبداع العلمي الدولية (ند لاشبا) بشأن استخدام الهواتف المحمولة في المدرسة. تهدف هذه السياسة إلى خلق بيئة تعليمية آمنة ومركزة

تعكس هذه السياسة التزامنا بحماية الأطفال في مدرستنا









# مرحلة رياض الأطفال والمرحلة البندائية

يُمنع على الطلاب في مرحلة الروضة والمرحلة الابتدائية إحضار الهواتف المحمولة إلى المدرسة. تُستثنى من ذلك الطلاب في الصفين الخامس والسادس الذين لديهم ظروف خاصة



# المرحلة الثانوية

يُشَجّع بشدة الطلاب في المرحلة الثانوية على عدم إحضار الهواتف المحمولة إلى المدرسة. يمكن للأهالي الذين يرون أن أطفالهم بحاجة اليها للتنقل التقديم من خلال الرابط المقدم







# المرحلة الثانوية العليا

يُعتبر طلاب المرحلة الثانوية العليا شبابًا بالغين، ويُسمح لهم بإحضار الهواتف المحمولة إلى المدرسة، ولكن يُمنع عليهم استخدامها أثناء الحصص الدراسية أو في الممرات. يُحظر استخدام وسائل التواصل الاجتماعي داخل المدرسة بشكل صارم



## الحافلات المدرسية

يُمنع استخدام الهواتف المحمولة داخل الحافلات المدرسة. يجب الاحتفاظ بالهواتف المحمولة بشكل آمن داخل حقيبة الطالب. إذا تم استخدام الهاتف على الحافلة، سيتم مصادرته والاحتفاظ به في مقدمة الحافلة







# الرحلات المدرسية

يُمنع على الطلاب إحضار الهواتف المحمولة خلال الرحلات اليومية. بالنسبة للرحلات التي تتطلب الإقامة، سيتم إبلاغ الطلاب بالتفاصيل المتعلقة باستخدام الهواتف قبل الرحلة

# كالخطوات التالية

سيتم تنفيذ هذه السياسة اعتبارًا من 12 مايو 2025. لتقديم طلب للسماح لطفلك بإحضار هاتفه المحمول إلى المدرسة، يُرجى تقديم الطلب على الرابط هنا



