

CELL PHONE POLICY FOR LEARNERS

1. All learners at Parkside are prohibited from having their cell-phones on the school premises, at any instance and at any time of the school day or at any official school event or function.

2. Under special circumstances and on rare occasions, the Principal or Deputy Principal may grant permission for a learner to have a cell phone on the school premises.

In this instance, the following conditions will apply:

- the cell phone must be handed in to the class teacher or to the office whilst the school is in session, by 07:45am.**
- a written request, clearly providing valid reasons for such a request, must be submitted to the Principal or Deputy Principal.**
- In this instance, the onus is on the learner to collect the cell phone from the office or his/her teacher at the end of the school day.**
- The learner is still prohibited from using the Cell Phone while he/she is on the school premises, even if it is the end of the school day)**
- In this instance, the school is indemnified from the loss or damaged to the cell phone.**

3. Outings/Tours/Sports Fixtures

Learners are not permitted to have cell phones when going on school outings, tours or when engaged in sports fixtures. Educators will be in contact with the school and the parents, if and when the need arises.

4. Any breach of the above (Clauses 1,2 and 3), will result in the cell phone, together with its SIM card and any other attachments, being confiscated for a period of 10 weeks from the date of offence.

5. The cell-phone will be retained in the school safe during this period.

6. This Policy must be read in conjunction with the School Code of Conduct for Learners.

7. Requests and queries from parents/legal guardians for return of the confiscated phone, sim card or any other attachments, prior to the 10 week confiscation period, will not be entertained by SMT or staff.

8. It must be understood that if the 10 week confiscation period extends into the school holidays, the cell phone will be returned after school resumes for the next term, provided the 10 week period lapses.

9. Clause 8 will apply to all learners and in all 4 terms of the school calendar year, including Grade 7 learners whose cell phones are confiscated in the 4th Term.