



THE CODRINGTON SCHOOL

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Mobile Device Policy

Prohibiting mobile devices in schools is supported by a growing body of research suggesting that mobile devices use during school hours negatively impacts student learning, attention, and social behavior.

Research and experience indicate that mobile devices are a major source of distraction, pulling students' attention away from instruction and having a negative effect of attainment levels and performance.

Looking through the lens of mental health and social development, excessive mobile device use can reduce face-to-face interactions and hinder social skill development and increase the probability of cyberbullying. Students are less likely to engage with peers during breaks when focused on their mobile devices. Added to that, there is evidence that higher screen time can lead to increased levels of depression and anxiety in adolescents and can impact sleep and well-being, leading to a decrease in focus and engagement in school.

Policy Statement

Students are not permitted to use mobile devices during school hours, including class time, recess, and lunch breaks. All cellphones must be turned off before entry to the campus and/or before alighting the buses and not turned on until students leave campus. Personal electronic equipment should be stored in backpacks or lockers or left with the respective Heads of School from the beginning to the end of the school day.

The Codrington School prohibits the use of mobile devices, specifically smartphones, cell phones, smart watches, earbuds, air pods, or Bluetooth headphones to be in use on campus during the school day.

Mobile Devices and Educational Use

If a teacher determines that a mobile device is needed/would benefit a learning activity, this will be communicated in advance, via email to the class, and will only be allowed for that specific activity under teacher supervision.



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Consequences

If a mobile device is used in school, the teacher will remove such from the student and take it to the respective Heads of School. No second chances. Heads of School will record the infraction in ManageBac and call parents to retrieve the mobile device after the first offense. After the 1st Offense the mobile device will not be given back to the student. Persistent disregard of the policy will result in the following consequences.

Offense	Consequence
1 st Offense	Mobile devices are held in the office and will be returned to the students at the end of the day.
2 nd Offense	Mobile devices are held in the office and must be picked up by a parent or guardian
3 rd Offense	Mobile devices are held in the office and must be picked up by a parent or guardian and an after-School detention will be given.
4 th Offense	In-school suspension and student phone banned from bringing device to school
5 th Offense	Out of school suspension