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**Subject: Restriction in the use of Mobile Phones in Schools.**

Dear Parents,

The ubiquitous Mobile Phone has seeped into the lives of every individual irrespective of whether they are students, teachers, professionals or others. It is imperative for us to reflect on this over dependence on technological interventions which can have both positive and negative impacts.

The use of Mobile Phones definitely needs to be restricted in school environments. The School is of the opinion that all stakeholders connected with school education such as students, parents & teachers need to arrive at a consensus on the use of mobile phones in the schools and restricting its entry in the school premises. This is because mobile phones can be a serious cause of distraction, lack of concentration, anxiety, fear and sometimes even misuse. Even if the mobiles are in silent mode they can be a source of disturbance within the classroom as students can make use of Short Messaging Service (SMS) during the class or even during an assignment. The cameras which are a common feature now in most mobile phones can also be misused.

There have been enough lessons that have been learnt in the past regarding the use of mobile phones and the School strongly recommends that students should be convinced about not carrying mobile phones to the school. Teachers and other staff should also not to be seen using the mobile in classrooms, playgrounds, common areas, laboratories and other parts of the school premises.

The School has got a landline which could be used by the students and staff for making calls in case of emergency.

If a student is carrying mobile, it is mandatory for him/her to switch off the mobile and hand it over to the security.

Parents are requested to switch off the mobile or put it on the flight mode whenever entering the premises.

This may be brought to the notice of all teachers, other staff, students and parents so that a more meaningful learning atmosphere can be created in the classroom which makes for a better ambience and school environment.

Any phone, if found with the student inside the school premises shall be confiscated by the school.

Yours sincerely

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Principal