Mobile Device Policy 2021

1. Rationale

To provide a clear and efficient framework for the use of personal owned mobile devices within school. Mougins School is a learning focused environment. Based on current research and our own experiences we believe that student owned mobile devices and linked wearable devices, on balance, do not have a positive impact on student learning. Enough concerns exist around the distracting nature of personally owned devices as well as the social challenges that they create within school for us to not allow their use or presence during the school day.

2. Personal Device Expectations

Mobile Phones & Wearable Devices

- We would ask parents to consider not allowing students to bring their personal devices to school. Should communication need to be made by a student to their parents / guardians, phones are available within school.
- Should students come to school with a phone they will be asked to switch the device(s) off and hand the phone (and wearable devices) into their class teacher / form tutor.
- Devices will be kept in a labelled box and kept securely in the school office.
- Students can collect their phones from outside the main office at 4pm on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday. They can be collected at 3pm on Wednesdays.
- Year 12 & 13 students will be permitted to bring their phones into school but should not be using them during school hours for non school related reasons.
- Teachers should model good phone etiquette around school.
- The school will take all reasonable steps to ensure devices remain secure but is not liable for loss or damage of devices should families decide their children come to school with their phones & wearable devices.

3. School Controlled Devices

Mougins School will run a 1:1 laptop program from January 2022 for students in Year 6 and above. These devices will be controlled by the school. It is our view that school controlled devices can add significant value to student learning without the challenges outlined above with regard to personally owned devices.

Year 12 & 13 will have a BYOD program but all student devices will be required to be submitted for the ICT department of security checks.