

## **Mobile Phone Policy for International School Almere**

### **Background Information**

At International School Almere, we foster a classroom environment that prioritizes safety and enjoyment in learning. Our students benefit greatly from a setting that emphasizes peace, cleanliness, and routine. Academic success is closely linked to concentration and an active approach to learning. Research indicates that the presence of mobile phones disrupts this process. Therefore, the guiding principle at International School Almere is 'phones stay at home or in the lockers'.

It is crucial that we collectively enforce this policy from the outset. Only then will it be clear to the students that mobile phones are no longer permitted in the classroom.

### **Goals**

- To cultivate a calmer atmosphere in classes.
- To encourage the social and emotional development of students at International School Almere.

### **Basic Rule**

Phones are not allowed to be used anywhere inside the classrooms. Before the commencement of lessons, students must place their phones in their lockers. Each student is provided with a locker on the school premises. These can be opened with the studentcard- all students have one.

### **Presence or Use of Phone in Class**

1. The student is requested to surrender their phone at the reception. They will place the phone in an envelope and receive a note (stating the date and time) as a receipt.
2. The student must return to the class within ten minutes and present the note as evidence. If the student fails to return to class on time, they will be marked as absent.
3. The student can retrieve the phone after their last lesson of the day, presenting the note upon collection.
4. The student's name will be recorded on a list by the receptionist. If a student is found with their phone three times, parents will be informed by their mentor.

### **Note**

Students are not permitted to use their phones for listening to music in the classroom.

### **If a student refuses to Leave the Classroom or Surrender the Phone**

1. Reinforce the rule and offer the student another opportunity to surrender the phone. Clarify that if the student persists in refusal, their parents will be contacted by the subject teacher, and the mentor will be informed.

This policy aims to create a conducive learning environment while fostering responsible phone usage among our students. Adherence to these guidelines ensures a focused and respectful atmosphere for all at International School Almere.