



Earlston High School

Mobile Technology in School

In line with the Scottish Government's "Guidance on Developing Policies to Promote the Safe and Responsible Use of Mobile Technology in Schools" we believe that mobile technology is an integral part of the lives of our young people at Earlston High School. We want to develop an ethos of digital citizenship that leads to safe and responsible use of mobile technology. Our school community embraces mobile technology to enhance learning now and in the future.

1.1 Learning and Teaching

Appropriately used, technology can offer opportunities to enhance the educational experience of pupils - devices such as tablets and smartphones may be used with the teacher's express permission.

1.2 Restrictions of use

A mobile phone or tablet can only be used in class with the express permission of the teacher. Unless instructed otherwise, mobile phones should be switched off and out of sight during lessons.

Any breach of these conditions may result in the member of staff confiscating the device. The school office will hold the device until the end of the school day. Parents/Carers will also be informed.

1.3 Network Access

All networks are intended for educational purposes. Activity is monitored and a record kept.

Online content will be filtered on all networks. No attempt should be made to circumvent this filtering.

We make every reasonable effort to ensure pupils are safe and secure online, but we are not held responsible for any harm or damage that results from the misuse of Council ICT equipment and services or the misuse of their own device on the Council networks.

Pupils are expected to alert a member of staff immediately if they have any concerns about their safety or security or that of other pupils.



1.4 Online Behaviour

Pupils are expected to communicate with the same appropriate, safe, and courteous conduct online as offline. Bullying will not be tolerated. Harassing, insulting, impersonating, tricking, excluding and stalking are all examples of bullying. Pupils should not create or share e-mails, messages, images, or video with the intent of scaring, hurting, embarrassing or frightening someone else. Pupils that engage in any online activities intended to harm (physically or emotionally) another person will face disciplinary action and loss of privileges.