

POLICY

ON THE USE OF MOBILE DEVICES

PRIMARY AND NURSERY CYCLE OF
THE EUROPEAN SCHOOL LUXEMBOURG 2/ MAMER



Policy on the use of mobile devices¹ at the Nursery / Primary cycles of the European School Luxembourg 2/Mamer

Preamble

The nursery and primary cycles attaches great importance to a learning-enhancing environment that enables students to develop and learn optimally. In order to reduce distractions, to promote social exchanges, personal interaction between students, and to focus on teaching, a complete ban on the use of mobile devices¹ by students within the nursery and primary cycles buildings will apply from February 24th 2025.

1. Scope

This Directive shall apply to all nursery and primary school pupils, regardless of levels or classes during school days, including breaks and on school premises, as well as during school events, excursions and school trips. It includes all mobile devices that can be used for communication, information or entertainment. The use of these devices within the school building is strictly prohibited.

Only Exception: If a mobile phone is still brought, it must be in the school bag (off or on “flight mode”). Retrieving the mobile phone is considered a violation of this regulation and will be punished with the sanctions listed below.

Bringing and using any other mobile device, in particular smartwatches, headphones and ear pods), **are strictly prohibited**.

2. Exceptions

However, there are exceptions to this prohibition:

- **Students with special needs:**

Students who rely on the use of iPads or similar devices to achieve their learning goals are exempted from this prohibition. However, these students must provide written permission from the school management confirming the need to use the equipment². The use of these devices must be within the scope of the school requirements and can take place in the classroom or in special support offers.

- **Teachers and administrative staff:**

Teachers and administrative staff are not affected by this ban and are allowed to use mobile devices for educational purposes, administrative tasks and communication with parents and colleagues.

¹ Mobile devices are mobile phones, smartwatches, ear pods, iPads, etc.

² You will receive a special pass/document, which you must show at the request of teachers/staff.

³ The teacher signs a document when the mobile device is confiscated and when it is returned to the student/parent/guardian.

3. Penalties for infringements

The bringing or use of mobile devices (only exception see 1.) by students are considered to be in violation of school regulations. In the event of a breach, the following measures shall be taken:

First offence:

The mobile device is retained by the teacher for the rest of the school day and can only be collected by the student at the end of the school day. Parents / guardians will be informed of the incident by e-mail from the teacher.³

Second offence:

The mobile device is retained by the teacher for the rest of the school day and can only be collected by the parents/ guardians at the end of the school day or the following day. Parents / guardians will be informed of the recurrence.³

Third offence:

The mobile device is retained by the teacher for the rest of the school day and can only be collected by the parents/ guardians at the end of the school day or the following day. In addition, the parents / guardians receive a letter from the director requesting compliance with the rules and the threat of disciplinary action.³

Fourth offence:

In case of repeated violations, the school reserves the right to convene a disciplinary council. The mobile device is retained by the teacher for the rest of the school day and can be collected by the parents / guardians at the end of the school day or the following day.³

4. Communication to and from parents:

We ask parents/ guardians to talk to their children about the scheme and motivate them to stick to it.

In the exceptional case that parents/ guardians have to provide their child with important information, please contact the secretariat (+352 273 224 3229 or +352 273 224 3002). The secretary then passes this information on to the child through the teacher.

5. Entry into force:

This regulation shall enter into force on February 24th 2025.

The aim of this ban is to promote a positive learning environment that focuses on the teaching and personal development of all students. We hope for the understanding and support of all parties involved to adhere to this regulation and to respect the common values of the school.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Sincerely,

Maurice van Daal

Director