



BUDAPEST BRITISH INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL

BBIS Mobile Phone Usage Policy 2024+

Effective Date: 1/9/2024

Next Review: July 2025

Purpose:

In compliance with the recent decree issued by Hungarian Authorities regarding the use of mobile phones in schools, BBIS is committed to fostering an environment conducive to learning while recognising the value of technology in education. Even though we are not a Hungarian school, we still must abide by the decree; however, it allows the Principal to determine what is permitted within the school. This policy outlines the acceptable use of mobile phones by students during school hours.

Policy Overview:

Students at BBIS may only use mobile phones under specific conditions that support their educational experience. The use of mobile phones is primarily to enhance learning and facilitate school-related activities. However, it is essential that mobile phone use does not interfere with the academic environment or detract from students' focus on their studies.

Permitted Use of Mobile Phones in the Secondary School for the Academic Year 2024-2025.

1. In-Class Use:

- Students may use mobile phones during lessons **only under the direct instruction of a teacher**. Permitted activities include:
 - Conducting research related to classwork or projects.
 - Filming or photographing as part of a class project or assignment.
 - Checking timetables or school emails related to the MYP (Middle Years Programme) or DP (Diploma Programme).

2. School Buffet Payments:

- Students are allowed to use mobile phones for the purpose of making payments in the school buffet.

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3. Study Periods in the Library:

- During designated study periods, students may use their mobile phones in the school library for researching topics related to their studies. However, they are encouraged to utilise their BYOD (Bring Your Own Device) laptops wherever possible.

4. Medical Monitoring

- In the case that a student uses their phone as a monitoring device in cases such as, but not limited to diabetes, where the phone is used to monitor blood glucose and message the results to a parent, use of the phone is permitted.

Prohibited Use of Mobile Phones:

- Mobile phones **may not be used** for gaming, social media activities, or any non-educational purposes during school hours.

Consequences for Misuse:

- **First Infraction:** The student's mobile phone will be confiscated and returned at the end of the school day.
- **Repeated Infractions:** The student will not be permitted to bring their mobile phone to school.

Permitted Use of Mobile Phones in the Primary School:

The following policy statement for The Primary School must be followed at all times.

Smart Watch and Mobile Phones - Primary

Conclusion

This policy is an enhancement of our previous mobile phone policy and aims to align with the new Hungarian regulations while maintaining BBIS's commitment to a focused and productive learning environment. We appreciate the cooperation of all students in adhering to these guidelines.

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