

25 February 2025



Dear Parents and Guardians

RE: BANNING OF SMART WATCHES FROM SCHOOL

With the development of new technologies, schools are increasingly faced with new challenges. Our school is no exception.

After careful consideration and weighing up the pros and cons, the decision has been taken that students will no longer be allowed to wear smart watches to school. The school has already banned these devices from exam and test venues, and this policy will now also apply to normal school times.

- The school is of the opinion that it sends a mixed message if we insist that phones and devices are switched off and stored away safely in the school bag, but allow for alternative electronic devices to be switched on and worn around the wrist.
- These watches are a distraction to students in the classroom and allow for serious disciplinary issues to occur.
- They may also endanger the students off-campus where criminals may see them as an easy target.

We trust that we will have your continued support in providing the best possible education to our students and that you will assist us in implementing this new policy seamlessly. **This new policy will be enforced from Friday 7 March 2025.**

Yours in quality education

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