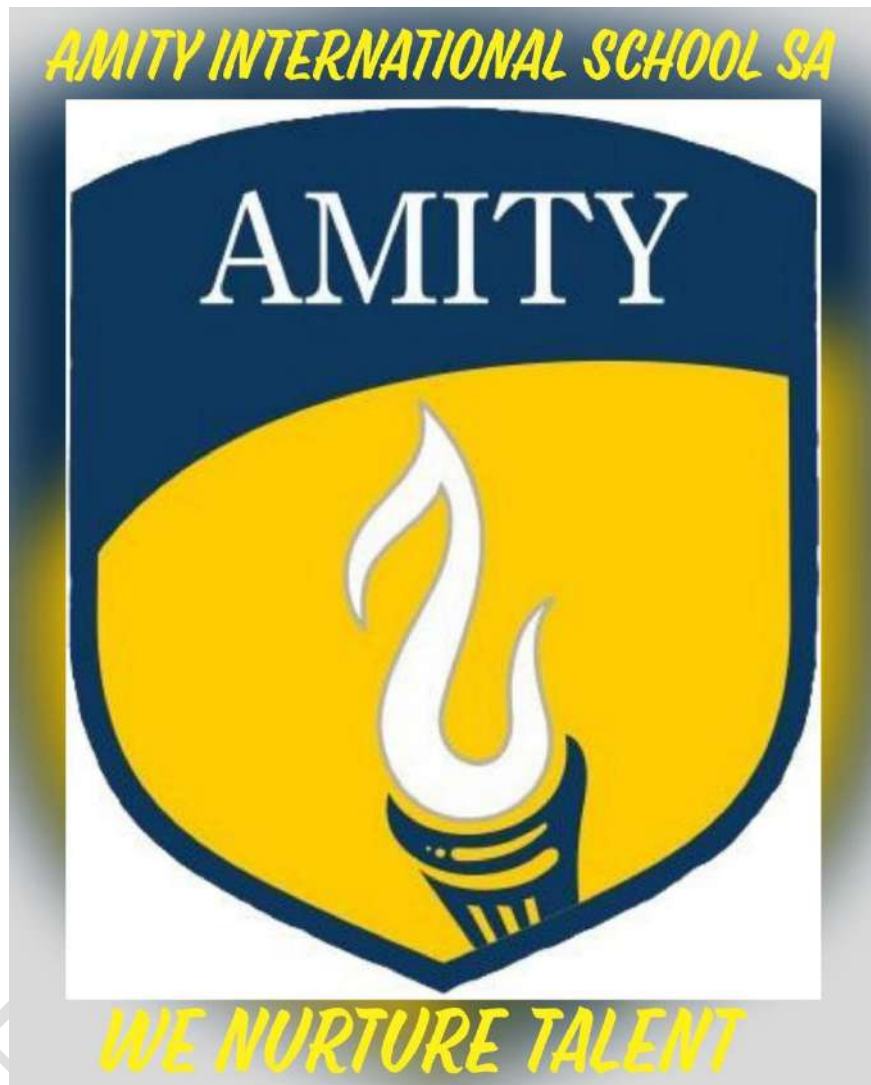


AMITY INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL



POLICY ON MOBILE PHONE (AND OTHER SUCH ELECTRONIC DEVICES)

From **October 2022**, the school will implement a strict zero tolerance policy to the use of mobile phones and other electronic devices used in school.

The school's policy on mobile phones and other electronic devices is very simple : it should not be brought to school.

The reasons for the zero tolerance policy are:

- To avoid students being distracted from their studies;
- To remove the risk of damage to or theft of expensive electronic items;
- To reduce the potential risk of cyber bullying.

Additionally iPods/MP3 Players, iPads/Tablets, smart watches and laptops etc. and electronic gaming or entertainment devices are not allowed to be brought to school or to be used in the classroom at any time.

Any mobile phones or other electronic devices that are found in possession of a learner /or heard will be subject to the following actions:

- The cell phone / electronic devices will be confiscated for the duration of the year.
- Refusal to comply with this policy will be treated as refusal to follow instruction and may result in further disciplinary sanctions.

Should your child has a legitimate reason to bring a cell phone to school, it will be necessary for you, as the parent/guardian to write a letter to the Principal explaining why your child needs to bring their cell phone to school with them. **The Principal is the only school official who can approve a parent letter and grant permission for a child to bring a cell phone to school.**

Reasonable reasons for a child bringing their cell phone to school include:

- The child walks home from school by themselves;
- The child needs to contact his/her transport provider.

If your child has been given permission to bring his/her cell phone to school and an approved parent letter is on file in the school office, the learner must hand in the cell phone immediately at Reception in the morning at the start of the school day. The Learner will fetch his/her cell phone from Reception at the end of the school

day. The learner will not be allowed access to their cell phone at any time during the school day.

Digital Technology:

The school will provide the necessary equipment to support the functioning of the drones.

The school's telephone is available at all times from 07h00 till 16h00 if the need arises for learners to phone someone urgently at a cost of R5-00.

After the first offense the cell phone or electronic device will be confiscated and will not be returned until the end of the school year, with a R300-00 penalty fee payable. - NO EXCEPTIONS!