



Streetz Ahead

Mobile Phone Use Policy

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At **Streetz Ahead**, we recognise the importance of technology and the need for children to stay connected with their families. However, to maintain a productive and focused learning environment, we have established the following phone usage guidelines:

1. Phone Use During Sessions (Streetz Ahead Staff)

Dance teachers, Mentors and the Leadership Team of Streetz Ahead are permitted to use their personal phone for **music, registration, taking of photos/videos of the children in the session and calling of parents/carers.**

Photos/videos of the children in the session **must** be uploaded on the Streetz Ahead google drive, then deleted off the personal phone within 2 days.

2. Emergency Use (students)

In case of an emergency, students may use their phones with adult permission. Parents/carers are encouraged to contact **Streetz Ahead** or the school directly for urgent matters, rather than contacting their child during the session.

3. Monitoring and Responsibility

Children are responsible for the security of their phones. **Streetz Ahead** is not liable for lost, stolen, or damaged devices. Any misuse of phones, including recording without permission, accessing inappropriate content, or engaging in bullying, will result in disciplinary action.

Legal Requirements

Privacy Rights

Streetz Ahead respects the privacy rights of all individuals. Photos or videos may only be taken with parental consent, and any data collected must be handled securely and used appropriately in compliance with relevant data protection laws.

Anti-Bullying and Harassment

Our phone policy aims to prevent and address issues such as cyberbullying and harassment that may occur through phone use, especially via social media, texting, or messaging apps. We have clear policies in place for responding to any instances of bullying, whether they occur in person or through digital means.

Phone Policy Principles

Safety and Well-Being

The policy is designed to protect the safety and mental well-being of all participants. It encourages a balanced approach to technology, ensuring that mobile phone use does not interfere with social interactions, mental health, or the ability to focus.

Respect for Privacy

Streetz Ahead recognises the importance of privacy. Any data collected through mobile phone use, whether by the school or third-party educational apps, will be managed in accordance with data protection policy.

Digital Responsibility

All participants are encouraged to develop responsible and respectful digital behaviours. The policy promotes ethical mobile phone use, with a focus on fostering good digital citizenship, preventing misuse, and addressing issues like cyberbullying or inappropriate content.

Clear Communication

The **Streetz Ahead** phone policy will be clear and consistently communicated to all stakeholders, including students, parents, and staff. Everyone should understand the rules, the consequences of misuse, and the rationale behind the policy, which is to maintain a safe and effective learning environment.

Parental Involvement

Streetz Ahead values the partnership with parents and guardians in managing phone use. Parents will be informed of the policy and their role in supporting responsible mobile phone behaviour, ensuring that communication and safety needs are respected.