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The Board of Directors of “Polo Giuseppe Veronesi”, faced with the improper use of mobile phones and other electronic devices during teaching activities and the consequent disruption of lessons,

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- Presidential Decree no. 249 of 24.06.1998 "Regulations on the Student Charter", as amended by Presidential Decree no. 235 of 21.11.2007 "Regulations on amendments and additions to Presidential Decree no. 249 of 24 June 1998 on the Secondary School Student Charter"
- directive no. 30 of 15.03.2007 of the Minister of Education "Guidelines and indications on using mobile phones and other electronic devices during teaching activities, issuing of disciplinary sanctions, parents' and teachers' duty of vigilance and co-responsibility", which reiterates that "The use of mobile phones by pupils during teaching activities is forbidden.

The prohibition stems from the duties enshrined in the Student Charter (Presidential Decree no. 249/1998). Violating this prohibition constitutes a disciplinary offence against which the school is obliged to issue appropriate punishments. It is emphasised that the applicable disciplinary measures are identified by each autonomous educational institution within the institute's regulations with a view to a culture of legality and civil coexistence”

- directive no. 104 of 30/11/2007 of the Minister of Education "Guidelines and clarifications on the regulations in force on using mobile telephones or other electronic devices in school communities"

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the following rules on the use of mobile phones and other electronic devices during teaching activities by students and teaching and non-teaching staff on duty at the institute.

WHEREAS:

The use of mobile phones and/or other electronic devices is prohibited during school activities, unless expressly authorised by the teacher.





The prohibition responds to a general rule of correctness, as the unauthorised use of such devices is distracting, disrupts fellow students and shows a serious lack of respect towards the teacher and the class group.

Failure to comply with these rules constitutes a disciplinary offence that will be punished through measures that pursue a dual purpose:

- preventive, aimed at averting such behaviour;
- educational, aimed at promoting the adoption of correct behaviour.

It is hoped that families will be able to share the guiding principles of these rules with their children and ensure that students comply with them in the knowledge that they are contributing to fostering a climate of respect and cooperation within the school.

The prohibition is regulated as follows:

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article 1

During teaching activities it is forbidden to have mobile phones and other unauthorised electronic devices on, which must be handed over to the teacher in attendance during the first hour of the morning and afternoon (or on arrival at school in the event of tardiness), who will deposit them in the special box that will be taken to the school office by a teacher or auxiliary staff and kept there. **The phones will be returned to the students at the end of the last hour of class in the morning and afternoon.**

article 2

During written tests (class assignments, mock State Examinations, tests, etc.), mobile phones and other devices will be kept switched off in a special container and returned at the end of the tests.

In the event that the student is caught using a mobile phone or any other device during a test, the test will be withdrawn, graded negatively (lowest mark in the band) and cannot be retaken.

article 3

Violating these rules constitutes a disciplinary offence against which the school is obliged to apply appropriate punishment, inspired by the criterion of gradualness and consistently with the school's educational aims.

article 4

The following punishment will apply to those who violate the rules:

immediate confiscation, by the tutor/teacher, of the mobile phone and/or other unauthorised electronic devices. The tutor/teacher will have the devices switched off before confiscation and hand them over to the Headteacher's Office. The equipment will only be returned to the parents by appointment with the Headteacher or their delegate. The misbehaviour will be reported by the tutor/teacher in the electronic register and to the Headteacher's Office. If the parents are unable to collect the equipment, it will be retained by the Headteacher's office for 5 days.

A disciplinary punishment will also be imposed, consisting of a detention to carrying out "remedial" activities of social relevance or in any case oriented towards the pursuit of a general interest of the school community (carrying out assistance or voluntary work within the school community, secretarial work, cleaning, research and/or study and in-depth study activities).

article 5





Inside all school premises (gyms, classrooms, laboratories, corridors, etc.) audio-visual recordings of rooms and people are forbidden unless explicitly authorised by a tutor in charge.

In the event of unauthorised filming, photography or recording, disseminated on any media, specific disciplinary measures will be taken and reports will be made to the competent police bodies.

Any photographs or audio-video recordings taken without the written consent of the person(s) are a violation of privacy and are therefore punishable by law.

article 6

During school hours, any serious and urgent needs for communication between students and families can be met, as has always been the case, through the headteacher's and administrative offices.

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article 7

The ban on mobile phone use is also intended for school staff. For teachers, the ban refers to classroom and/or laboratory hours in direct contact with students.

article 8

In the event of special, justified and/or certified situations, the Headteacher may grant exceptions or propose to the Class Council a further tightening of the punishments provided for in these rules.