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FROM: Chief Education Officer

TO: Deputy Chief Education Officers  
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of Practical Instructional Centres

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**SUBJECT: Prohibition of Cell Phone Usage in Schools**

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The Ministry of Education in keeping with its mandate to ensure that all learners benefit from the maximum instructional time allocated for each school day, has taken a decision to prohibit the use of cell phones in schools during class sessions and student assemblies.

Any student found using a cell phone or any similar gadget or device, during class sessions or student assembly shall be suspended for a minimum of three (3) days in the first instance.

Any student who leaves the class session and is found using a cell phone shall also be suspended for a minimum of three (3) days.

You are also reminded that no cell phones are allowed in examination centres/rooms, and marking centres.

In such instances candidates shall be disqualified from the examinations and serious disciplinary action will be taken against the chief invigilator.

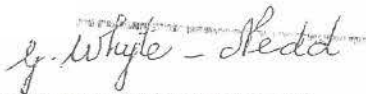
The school shall not be held responsible for any loss, theft of, or damage to, any cell phone or any such gadget.

> You are therefore required to conspicuously display 'NO CELL PHONE USAGE signs in strategic areas of your institution.

All members of staff are advised to lead by example by observing the rules contained herein.

This circular takes immediate effect.

Kindly draw the contents of this circular to the attention of all members of staff, parents/guardians and students, and put the usual documentary system in place as evidence that all key persons are aware of this decision.



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**For Information**

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