



## **Guardian – please take note of how mobile phones may be used in school**

### **Did you know that**

- using mobile phones, tablets, laptops, headphones, smartwatches and other mobile devices during lessons is prohibited in primary and lower secondary education?
- schools can set their own rules on the use of mobile devices during breaks, lunch and when moving from one place to another and on where mobile devices are stored at school?
- restricting the use of mobile devices ensures peaceful working conditions and focus on learning and strengthens the physically active lifestyle and emotional and interactive skills of children and young people?
- the organisers of morning and after-school activities, clubs and recreational activities have their own instructions on the use of mobile devices?

### **Use of mobile devices during lessons**

- The teacher decides how and when mobile devices are used in learning and the practising of digital skills.
- The devices used during lessons are primarily provided by the school.
- The teacher can take away a pupil's mobile device if they use it to disrupt teaching and learning.
- The use of a pupil's own device in teaching is agreed upon in advance between the school and the pupil's guardians.
- A pupil may also be allowed to use their own device with the permission of a teacher or principal due to health reasons, such as diabetes treatment.

### **How you can support your child and their school's practices**

- Participate in the preparation of the school rules and make sure that you are familiar with them.
- Discuss the use of mobile devices with your child.
- Tell your child that they may always ask the teacher for permission to use their phone if they fall ill during the school day.
- Remind your child that they can always call the emergency number.
- Contact your teacher if your child needs to use their own mobile device during the school day for personal health care or as a learning tool.
- Make sure that you have the school's contact information through which you can reach your child during the school day, if necessary.