

## **CHENDERIT SCHOOL LOST PROPERTY POLICY**

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### **1.1 Rationale**

Due to the current covid restrictions placed on the school and following the new Covid 19 Addendum to the BFL policy and the reopening of schools in Sept 2020. The school has actively encouraged students to limit the amount of personal property in school. See Chenderit School policy, **Covid 19 Addendum to BFL policy – reopening of schools.**

This is in particular to the restricted use of school textbooks/other school equipment section of the above policy and in particular:

- The school encourages students to take responsibility for their own belongings and to respect the property of their friends and peers.
- Leaving personal possessions unattended in tutor bases can lead to it becoming lost, misplaced or even stolen. The property will be ultimately be sent to the Lost Property Point. This means that all students will need to keep their possessions with them or in their lockers.
- Unclaimed items left in classrooms, particularly uniform and PE kit, can be reclaimed initially from the school reception in the first instance or from the Lost Property Point and if labelled with surname and initials, these items will be returned to students via the Lost Property System.
- The school encourages students and parents to check legibility of names regularly, i.e. after washing, school holidays. All lost property will be kept for 2 months and then it is donated to charity, recycled or disposed of responsibly.  
The school does not accept liability for lost, misplaced or damaged possessions.
- Students are reminded to label all of their uniform and equipment.

### **1.2 Lost Property**

Lost property found in the school, or within its grounds, will be ultimately sent to the Lost Property Department via the central collection point at the schools reception office.

Students are encouraged to look for their own lost property during break time at the schools reception office. Otherwise at the Lost Property Department.

The Lost Property Department is open at some break time most days:

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Fridays	11.05 a.m. – 11.25 a.m.
Wednesdays	10.45 a.m. – 11.05 a.m.

We make every effort to return any named/labelled lost property to its rightful owner.

Named/labelled items are returned to students if they have not been collected after 1 week.

Lost property that is not named/labelled will be dated upon receipt in the Lost Property Department and will be held for 8 weeks.

Anything unclaimed at the end of this period becomes the property of the school and will be sold, donated to charity, recycled or disposed of responsibly.

Proceeds from the sales of unclaimed valuables are put towards the school funds.

### **1.3 Valuable items**

Valuables will be sent initially to the Inclusion Centre or Main School Reception and returned to the student as soon as possible, if the owner can be identified.

If a mobile phone is locked or out of charge then it will not be identifiable, and therefore we will be unable to return it.

Students who want to claim a mobile phone or other valuables will need to prove ownership, or give a detailed description of the item(s) before any return is made.

A written record will be kept of all mobiles / valuables returned to students.

If mobile phones or valuables are not claimed then they will be dated and locked in the safe for three months.

If unclaimed after a three month period then:

- Valuables will be disposed of in the same manner as other lost property.
- Mobile phones will be sent to 'FONEBANK' (or similar organisations) who will make a donation to the school CSA funds.

### **Responsibility**

The school does not accept liability for lost, misplaced or damaged possessions.