

IT DEPARTMENT

POLICY & PROCEDURE DOCUMENTATION:

WIFI AND CELLULAR ANTENNAE POLICY

PREAMBLE

HeronBridge is fully connected to the World Wide Web and has adequate cell phone access. At present, due to the unavailability of any fixed line connection, HeronBridge uses proprietary microwave technology for both internet connectivity and telephone communication. Connectivity within the HeronBridge campus is provided by a fibre-optic backbone with CAT5 cabling used wherever appropriate.

PURPOSE

The purpose of this policy is to limit wireless connectivity and cellular antennae as a precautionary measure in view of studies expressing concern that continuous or frequent long term exposure to the non-ionising radiation of electromagnetic fields could have adverse health effects.

POLICY

WiFi connectivity will be used sparingly and, wherever feasible, fixed line connectivity and cabling will be preferred. Cell phone antennae will not be erected on HeronBridge property. Staff and learners will be made aware of the potential dangers and how to minimize them.

REVIEW

This policy will be reviewed periodically in the light of current research on the subject.

