

Mobile Phone Policy

Rationale

The use of mobile phones in school has been increasingly causing significant problems, such as bullying, disruption to lessons, and inappropriate web and social media usage. We also recognise that mobile phones are a part of modern life and that for safety reasons students will carry a mobile in order to contact parents/carers before or after school. As a school, we strongly encourage our students to talk to each other and develop friendship groups at break and lunchtime, as opposed to using their mobile phones. As a result, the use of mobile phones during school hours is forbidden. We feel this is the best way to support students in meeting the school's core values of being ready, respectful, and safe. Students found using their mobile phone during school hours will be dealt with in accordance with this policy.

Expectations

1. Mobile phones must remain **switched off** once student are inside the school gates. This includes break and lunchtimes.
2. Any student seen using their mobile phone during school hours will have their phone confiscated. **Phones must not be seen or heard.**
3. Confiscated phones must be taken to reception where the phone will be secured in the school safe.
4. After the first confiscation students will be allowed to collect their phone at the end of the day. Parents will be required to collect the mobile phone following the second or any subsequent confiscations. Parents are also allowed to collect the phone if confiscated on the first occasion.
5. When a phone is confiscated, parents need to be aware that there may be a time delay before the phone is able to be collected.
6. In some lessons, member of staffs may direct students to use their mobile phones as a learning aid. This is at the discretion of the member of staff.
7. Students are allowed to use their phone to contact home relating to safety or transport reasons following an activity after the school day. Students must seek permission from a member of staff before using their phone.
8. Students who use their phone in school will be given a behaviour code. Codes are added up each week and 5 or more codes will lead to a detention.
9. Students will receive tutorials explaining the mobile phone policy and the policy will be placed on the school website for parents/carers to access.
10. When issues with mobile phones exist that involve serious misconduct, such as sharing inappropriate images, cyber bullying etc. - parents will be brought into school to discuss their child's behaviour and further consequences.