

Mobile phones / smart devices policy (years 7 -11)

In line with DfE guidance, smart mobile phones are not allowed at the school.

Mobile phones are a 'banned item'; the possession of which can lead to sanctions in line with our [Behaviour policy](#) and can be searched for in line without [Searching and confiscation policy](#) both available on the policy page of the school website. We are aware there may be exceptional circumstances with regard to pre-agreed medical needs and SEND

Statistics published by the government indicate that the use of a mobile phone can: -

- distract a pupil from their learning;
- disrupt the learning of other pupil;
- displace positive activities from prolonged screen time;
- encourage or increase the risk of cyber bullying;
- impede social well-being

www.gov.uk/government/publications/mobile-phones-in-schools

Basic function phones should be switched off before entry to the school and remain switched off and out of sight all day. We take no responsibility for phones that are lost, stolen or damaged.

Enforcing the policy

Mobile phones / smart devices that are discovered will be confiscated and remain in the school office until Friday. If the phone is confiscated on a Friday it will remain in the office until the following Friday.

On a Friday the phone will be returned to a parent between 4pm and 5pm by a Head of Year or member of the Senior Leadership Team.

If the phone is confiscated for a second time the school will keep the phone until the next holiday and make arrangements as to whom it is returned.

We will review this policy at least annually.