

MOBILE PHONE POLICY

The following action on the possession and use of mobile phones has been discussed and agreed with Governors. We have also taken advice from the LEA legal department.

POSSESSION AND USE OF MOBILE PHONES

Students can have mobile phones in school provided they are switched off and in their bags. However mobile phones must adhere to the following specifications:

- they must not have a CAMERA
- they must not have blue tooth technology.

This is due to the safety risks involved, including child protection issues.

Other phones without these specifications are allowed.

It is not acceptable for students to be sending/receiving calls/text messages during the school day, including breaks, lunchtimes, or, study periods [for years 12 and 13]. Any emergency situation can be dealt with via our land lines [see contact with students section of the policy].

The Headteacher will write to all parents explaining the above details.

If students are found using any kind of mobile phone in school the phone will be confiscated and students asked to return to the office to collect it at the end of the school day. If the mobile phone confiscated is found to be a camera phone or has blue tooth technology, parents will be contacted via a letter explaining our policy and asking them to support us with its implementation.

CONTACT WITH STUDENTS

We fully understand the need for this means of communication out of school hours e.g. following involvement in extra curricular activities when students need to let parents/guardians know where they are/when they need to be collected etc. However at all times during the school day we provide a service for students, using our land lines, in all instances when there is an emergency.

Parents/guardians can contact our switchboard and a message will be given to the student. Also, if students feel there is an urgent need to contact home then they can request the use of a school land line telephone.

We are concerned for the welfare of our students and believe they should not be asked to deal with an emergency via a private call/text message to their mobile. They may need the support of a member of staff to deal with the situation facing them.

EXTERNAL EXAMINATIONS

Possession of a mobile phone in an examination room may disqualify a student. They are strictly forbidden.

The Headteacher will write to parents via a separate letter regarding this very important issue.

Signed: Chair of Governors

Headteacher

Date:

Date of Review: