



Queen Elizabeth
High School

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Queen Elizabeth High School Mobile Phones and Technologies Policy

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Rationale

At Queen Elizabeth High School, we are committed to ensuring that all students in Years 9–13 can learn effectively in a calm, orderly and distraction-free environment. We believe that students achieve their very best when they are fully engaged in their learning and present in their interactions with others.

Mobile phones and personal technologies can disrupt learning, contribute to social pressures and increase safeguarding risks. In line with Department for Education (DfE) guidance, Queen Elizabeth High School operates as a mobile phone and mobile technologies-free school in years 9-11, where students do not have access to mobile phones or smart technologies at any point during the school day.

This policy should be read in conjunction with the Behaviour Policy, Safeguarding Policy, and Acceptable Use of ICT Policy.

Expectations

- Students are not required to bring a mobile phone or smart device to school.
- The school is a mobile phone-free environment for all students in Years 9–11.
- All students bringing a phone must:
 - Place their phone and any smart technologies (including smart watches) in a Yondr pouch on arrival to the school site
 - Ensure the pouch is locked before entering the school building
 - Keep the pouch with them throughout the school day
 - Only unlock the pouch at the end of the school day when leaving site

Any attempt to access or tamper with a pouch is a breach of this policy.

- Students who arrive without a pouch and are in possession of a phone must:
 - Hand their phone to staff on arrival for secure storage

Students must not have access to their phone or smart technologies at any point during the school day.

Arrival Procedures and Searches

To ensure that expectations are met consistently and to maintain a mobile phone and smart technologies-free environment:

- Students may be searched on arrival to school when they
 - Have not secured a device in a Yondr pouch
 - Are attempting to conceal a device

Searches may include:

- A search of outer clothing (person search)
- A search of bags and personal belongings
- The use of a hand-held search wand (metal detector)

All searches will be carried out in line with DfE Searching, Screening and Confiscation guidance

Where a device is identified through a search, this will be treated as a breach of this policy and sanctions will be applied.

Breach of Policy (Years 9–11)

Queen Elizabeth High School applies **clear and consistent consequences** for failure to meet expectations.

Any student found with a mobile phone that is:

- Not in a Yondr pouch
- Accessible during the school day
- Used without permission

will:

- Have their mobile phone confiscated immediately
- Be placed in Reflection for 5 periods, including social time, from the point of confiscation
- Have the device securely stored by the school

The mobile phone:

- Must be collected by a parent/carer
- Will be available from Main School Reception
- Must be collected before 4:00pm

Repeated Breaches

Where a student repeatedly fails to meet expectations:

- Further sanctions will be applied in line with the Behaviour Policy
- Students may be required to hand in their phone at the start of each day
- Additional pastoral or behavioural interventions may be implemented

Sixth Form (Years 12–13)

In recognition of increasing independence:

- Students in Years 12–13 may use mobile phones:
 - In designated Sixth Form areas only (Winter Gardens, Sixth Form Cafe and Sixth Form Study Room)
 - At appropriate times such as study periods, break and lunchtime
 - Where needed for medical reasons with permission from the Sixth Form Team
- Mobile phones must not be used:
 - In corridors or circulation spaces
 - During lessons
 - In the presence of younger students
 - To take photographs, audio or video recordings anywhere in school, including designated Sixth Form areas

Misuse will result in sanctions in line with the Behaviour Policy.

Breach of Policy (Sixth Form)

Any student found using a mobile phone

- outside of the designated spaces
- without permission

will:

- Have their mobile phone confiscated immediately
- Have the device securely stored by the school

The mobile phone:

- Must be collected by a parent/carer
- Will be available from Main School Reception
- Must be collected before 4:00pm on the same day

Repeated Breaches (Sixth Form)

Where a student repeatedly fails to meet expectations:

- Further sanctions will be applied in line with the Behaviour Policy
- Parents will be required to collect confiscated phones rather than the student
- Additional pastoral or behavioural interventions may be implemented

Communication with Parents and Carers

- Parents/carers should contact students via the school office during the school day
- Students may request to contact home through the HoY office where necessary