



Mobile Phone use in School

We discourage students from bringing mobile phones to school; however, we accept that some students and parents see possession of mobile phones as an aid to personal security and safety and, consequently, mobile phones are not banned.

Where a student does bring a mobile phone to school, the phone must remain switched off during the school day as they disturb learning and distract other students. Mobile phones must be kept out of sight and may not be used, for any purpose, on school premises, grounds or during approved off-site activities (such as sports fixtures or educational trips). The **only** exception to this would follow express approval by a member of school staff.

If students feel the need to contact parents/carers at any time during the school day they may go to Student Reception at breaktime or lunchtime and ask to use the school phone. They should not use their mobile phone, even if they think it is an emergency.

Sixth Form students only are able to use their phones in the common room or Sixth Form Dining Room.

The school will not accept liability for the safe keeping of a mobile phone which will remain the responsibility of the student at all times. As is normal practice with all valuables, students would want to hand in their mobile phones for safe keeping when in the PE area. Only in exceptional circumstances (usually involving other breaches of our code of conduct) would the school investigate the theft or loss of a mobile phone.

As is the case with all examples of unacceptable behaviour, inappropriate use of a mobile phone will lead to the application of proportionate sanctions, including temporary confiscation, and a detention.

In cases where the mobile phone is confiscated it can be collected by the student at the end of the school day at Student Reception. An hour's detention will be incurred.