



# Mobile Technology in School Policy

**Signed by**  
Chair of Governors

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## **Rationale**

Our core purpose is to enable all students to learn and to achieve.

To facilitate this, the use of mobile technology in school should not interfere with the running of the school's business.

## **Purpose**

To regulate the use of mobile technology and other valuable items within school.

## **Guidelines**

If a mobile device is brought to school there are the rules which must be followed:-

- The use of mobile technology at any time during the school day is at the discretion of a member of staff.
- Students must not text, make phone calls, or take pictures without the permission from a member of staff at **any** time of the school day.
- Members of staff reserve the right to confiscate any mobile device that they consider to be being used inappropriately.
- Mobile technology must not be used to ring parents to ask them to collect children who feel unwell. There is a formal system in place, for everyone's well being and safety, whereby children who feel unwell must report to the School Office.
- The School will not get involved in any incidence of damage to, or misuse of, one student's mobile device by another student. As with all valuable items any student chooses to bring to school, they are deemed to be the responsibility of the student.
- Any serious or persistent misuse of mobile technology during the school day will be dealt with like any other misdemeanour. The privilege of bringing a mobile device to school may be withdrawn from any student.

## **Staff**

- Failure to comply with this policy will result in staff confiscating students' mobile technology.
- The device will be confiscated until the end of the school day or until appropriate time after contact with parents.
- Staff may withdraw the privilege of bringing mobile technology to school if a student seriously or persistently misuses mobile technology during the school day.

## Students

- Unless express permission is granted mobile technology should not be used to make calls, send SMS messages or take photos during the school day. Mobile technology is only to be used with permission from a member of staff.
- If the device is confiscated for failure to follow this rule, the student is responsible for collecting the mobile device from Student Services.
- Using mobile technology to bully or threaten other students is unacceptable and will not be tolerated. In such cases it can constitute criminal behaviour.
- Must not ring parents to collect them when feeling unwell.
- Are responsible for the care of their own belongings.

## Parents

- Other than a mobile phone parents should discourage their children from bringing technological devices to school.

## **Roles and Responsibilities**

### Staff

To ensure mobile technology is being used appropriately and challenged where necessary.

### Parents

To ensure your child adheres to the school rules.

### Students

To use mobile technology appropriately. se mobile technology appropriately.

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