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MOBILE PHONES

STUDENTS ARE ALLOWED TO HAVE THEIR MOBILE PHONES IN SCHOOL

With the development of e-tickets on the buses, which are cheaper and safer than paper tickets, it is no longer fair to ban students from bringing their mobile phones to school with them. However, it remains the advice of the school that students do not bring phones or other electronic devices to school as they are very expensive and desirable items and the school accepts no liability for phones or other electronic devices which are lost, damaged or stolen while at school, and will not undertake investigations in this respect.

- a) Mobile phones are **BANNED FROM BEING USED DURING THE SCHOOL DAY** from the moment students arrive on the school site until the end of the school day (3pm). Phones must be switched OFF and kept in students' bags or pockets at all times. Accordingly, parents should not telephone or text their children during the school day. Reception staff are able to take and pass on messages to students from parents.
- b) Students found with their phone out of their bag/pocket at any time during the school day will have their phone confiscated, and may be sanctioned. **FOR THE AVOIDANCE OF DOUBT, STUDENTS MUST NOT HAVE THEIR PHONES IN THEIR HANDS AT ALL WHILE THEY ARE AT SCHOOL DURING THE SCHOOL DAY.** Confiscated phones will be handed into Reception with the name of the student and the name of the member of staff who confiscated the phone. The first time, the phone will be retained by the school until Friday of that week when it can be collected **BY A PARENT/CARER ONLY.**
- c) The second time, the phone will be retained by the school until the end of that half-term, **WHEN IT CAN ONLY BE COLLECTED BY A PARENT/CARER.** The third and subsequent times, the phone will be retained by the school for the remainder of the school year and may not be returned at all.
- d) **THE SCHOOL WILL NOT BE LIABLE FOR ANY LOSS, DAMAGE OR THEFT OF MOBILE PHONES (OR OTHER ELECTRONIC DEVICES) WHICH HAVE BEEN CONFISCATED AND RETAINED BY THE SCHOOL.**
- e) Sixth formers are allowed to use mobile phones and other electronic devices, but should do so discreetly and only in the Sixth Form room. Sixth form students are not permitted to use or handle their mobile phones or other electronic devices during lessons, except where they have a teacher's permission for a specific action (for example, photographing the board or work). Students will be sanctioned if they breach this rule.
- f) Students may ask to make a telephone call from a school phone, however they must have a note from their HOY authorising this before they do so.

(from the Behaviour Policy which can be found on our website)