



MOBILE PHONE POLICY

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1. PURPOSE

We are committed to providing a calm, purposeful learning environment in which all students can achieve their potential. This policy sets out clear expectations regarding mobile phones to minimise distraction, protect learning time and support positive relationships across the College community. The policy reflects the College's ethos of trust, high expectations and respect, and should be read in conjunction with the Behaviour Management Policy.

The policy aligns with government guidance around the use of mobile phones in schools:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/mobile-phones-in-schools/mobile-phones-in-schools>

2. DEFINITIONS

- 2.1 Smartphone: A smartphone is any mobile device that includes internet access, applications, a touchscreen interface, cameras or multimedia messaging beyond basic calls and SMS.
- 2.2 Simple phone (brick phone): A simple phone is limited to basic calls and SMS, does not have internet access or apps, and has no or minimal camera functionality.
- 2.3 Mobile phone: Any device that can be used to communicate with others via cellular and/or Wi-Fi networks including simple phones and smartphones.

3. PHASED APPROACH TO SMARTPHONES

From September 2026, students entering Year 7 will not be permitted to bring a smartphone onto the College site. Year 7 students may bring a simple phone only. This approach will apply to all future cohorts annually until the College is fully smartphone-free.

4. EXPECTATIONS DURING THE COLLEGE DAY

Any mobile phone must be switched off, stored in the inside blazer pocket, and remain unseen on the College site.

5. ROUTINES FOR LEARNING

This policy supports the College's Prepare, Respect and Contribute ethos by ensuring they are ready to learn, remain focused so that they take an active part in their lessons. It supports our

students to develop good social skills by encouraging them to actively engage with their friends and other activities through breaks, lunch and extracurricular activities.

6. OUTSIDE THE COLLEGE DAY

With their parents' permission, students may use mobile phones once they have left the College site.

7. REASONABLE ADJUSTMENTS

Exceptions may be made for substantial medical reasons and will be agreed, documented and reviewed. This should must be agreed in advance.

A parent whose child may need access to a smartphone during the College day will need to contact Client Services to agree the parameters of any such usage which would include ensuring all but the agreed required apps being deleted or made unavailable to their child.

8. BREACHES AND CONFISCATION

Mobile phones used or seen on the College site will be confiscated immediately and will require parent collection.

Repeated breaches, including refusal to cooperate with a staff request, will lead to further sanctions under the Behaviour Management Policy.

9. SEARCHING AND SAFEGUARDING

Authorised staff may search students in accordance with College policy. Safeguarding concerns will be managed in line with our policy.

10. COMMUNICATION AND REVIEW

The policy will be communicated to parents, students and staff. It will be reviewed annually by the governing body.