



Mobile Phone Policy



(Years 7–11) – Effective September 2025

Purpose:

To support student wellbeing, reduce distractions, and foster a safe, focused learning environment by restricting the presence and use of smartphones and smartwatches during the school day.

Policy Details**1. Devices Not Permitted**

- Smartphones and Smartwatches are not permitted anywhere on the student's person or in their belongings during the school day.
- This includes all devices capable of internet access, apps, cameras, or social media.

2. Permitted Devices

- Students may bring "brick" mobile phones, which are limited to voice calls and texts only.
- Airtags are allowed strictly as safety tracking devices.

Important:

All permitted brick phones must be switched off and kept inside bags throughout the school day, including breaks and lunch. They must not be visible or used on school premises.

3. Sixth Form (Years 12–13) Policy

- Sixth Form students will follow the current policy: smartphones allowed but must not be used or visible during lessons or in general school areas outside of the Sixth Form House.

Expectations of Students

- Students must not bring smartphones or smartwatches to school.
- Students with allowed brick phones must keep them switched off and stored in their bags at all times during the school day.
- Students are expected to follow staff instructions regarding mobile devices immediately.

- Any use or possession of prohibited devices during the school day will be considered a breach of the policy.

Sanctions for Breaches of Policy

First time	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Device confiscated by staff. - Device only returned to a parent/carer at the school office. - Student receives a formal warning - Parents/carers receive a letter with details of subsequent sanctions.
Second time	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Internal exclusion. - Parent/carer reintegration meeting arranged to discuss ongoing concerns.
Third time and subsequent non compliance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - External exclusion (fixed-term suspension) will be issued. - Continued reinforcement of the school policy with parents/carers.

Trips

Students should not bring a smartphone or smartwatch on a school trip unless notified that they are allowed to do so by the member of staff organising the trip.

Summary

This policy reflects the school's commitment to prioritising student mental health, concentration, and safety by minimising distractions from smartphones. By adhering to these guidelines, we aim to create an environment that supports academic achievement, emotional wellbeing, and respectful interpersonal interactions.