



### Mobile Phone Policy

1. Mobile phones may only be used before 8.55 am, during break, lunch time and after 3.30 pm.
2. During class time and in between classes mobile phones must be switched off. "On silent" and "on vibration" means the phone is on.
3. Under **no circumstances** may a mobile phone be turned on between 8.55 am and 11.00 am, 11.15 am and 1.00 pm and 1.45 pm and 3.30 pm unless specifically requested in advance by a teacher.
4. Under **no circumstances** may a mobile phone or any other device be used to take or view photographs or videos in school **at any time of the day**. This includes **before school, break time, lunch time and after school**. Such material must never be passed on at any time. Under **no circumstances** may a mobile phone or any other device be used for any form of offensive, indecent or inappropriate communication.
5. Mobile phones or their equivalent may be used to listen to music before school and during lunchtime. Because of Health and Safety concerns, this use of mobile phones does not apply at breaktime and only applies to students who are seated or standing still and 'not on the move'.
6. Pupils who break the rules concerning mobile phones will have their phones and / or ear phones confiscated. Confiscated phones may be collected from the Principal's Secretary at 3.30pm. Where appropriate, parents may be invited to collect these phones.
7. Pupils who allow their phone to be used inappropriately by others may be held responsible for its misuse.
8. Pupils who break the rules concerning mobile phones will be given a punishment commensurate with their action. Habitual offenders may be given more severe punishments in line with the School Positive Behaviour Policy.
9. The School reserves the right to prohibit any pupil from bringing a mobile phone to school.

#### Note

Pupils are warned of the dangers of using mobile phones, especially with earphones in built up areas when the inability to hear traffic can lead to accidents.

This policy reflects the UN Convention of the Rights of the Child adopted as legally binding in 1999.

#### **Article 19**

1. States Parties shall take all appropriate legislative, administrative, social and educational measures to protect the child from all forms of physical or mental violence, injury or abuse, neglect or negligent treatment, maltreatment or exploitation, including sexual abuse, while in the care of parent(s), legal guardian(s) or any other person who has the care of the child.

#### **Article 28**

3. States Parties shall promote and encourage international cooperation in matters relating to education, in particular with a view to contributing to the elimination of ignorance and illiteracy throughout the world and facilitating access to scientific and technical knowledge and modern teaching methods. In this regard, particular account shall be taken of the needs of developing countries.

Pupils were consulted on this Policy in 2012

Staff were consulted on this Policy in 2012

Parents were consulted on this Policy in June 2012

This Policy supersedes Policy dated 270612

Signed       R Alcorn       (Chairman of the Board of Governors)

Date    091215   

Signed       R Wilson       (Principal)

Date    091215   

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