



# Mobile Phone Policy

## Why?

- We are all at school to learn and mobile phones are a major distraction to pupils' learning and health and wellbeing.

## Mobile Phone Policy:

- Phones should not be seen or used in school or on the school grounds at any time including break and lunchtime.
- Pupils should not use their own headphones, which includes airpods/earpods, when in school or on the school grounds at any time including break and lunchtime.
- All mobile phones should be kept out of sight, switched off and in the pupil's school bag at all times when in school or on the school grounds at any time including break and lunchtime.
- If parents/carers need to contact their child, they should phone reception who will pass messages on. Their child can ask reception to contact their parents/carers if appropriate too.

## Exceptions:

- In exceptional circumstances, a pupil may be asked to contact their parents/guardians on a mobile phone under staff supervision. However, this will be an extremely rare occurrence.
- Pupils will be able to use school headphones to access the curriculum if appropriate with the permission of the teacher whose class they are in.
- Pupils with a medical condition, e.g. diabetes, which requires a mobile phone to monitor can keep their mobile switched on and available.

## Consequences:

If pupils are found to be using their mobile phone/earpods or their mobile phone/earpods are visible during the school day, for example in a trouser pocket or tucked into a waist band then:

- The pupil will be asked to take the mobile phone/earpods to their Year Head
- If sent out of class, the Year Head will give the pupil a receipt for the pupil to show to the member of staff on their return to class.
- The mobile phone/earpods will not be returned until the end of the day when the pupil can collect it from their Year Head. If a pupil repeatedly infringes the mobile phone policy then his/her parents/carers will be invited to come into school to discuss the situation.
- If a pupil refuses to hand his/her mobile phone/earpods to reception, his/her parents/carers will be invited to come into school to discuss the situation.