



Mobile Phone Policy

Why?

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

In general:

- 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/earbuds, 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.

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.

Consequences:

If pupils are found to be using their mobile phone/headphones or their mobile phone/headphones are visible during the school day, for example in a trouser pocket then;

- The pupil will be asked to take the mobile phone/headphones to reception
- Reception staff will give the pupil a receipt for the pupil to show to the member of staff on their return to class.
- The mobile phone/headphones will not be returned until the end of the day when the pupil can collect it from a member of SLT until the end of June 2024. From August 2024, parents/guardians will be asked to come into school to collect the item.
- Mobile phones will not be returned at lunchtime to enable a pupil to buy lunch in town unless there are exceptional circumstances.
- If a pupil refuses to hand his/her mobile phone/headphones to reception, his/her parents/guardians will be invited to come into school to discuss the situation.