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Mobile Phone/Device Policy

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1. Rational

At Aspirational Futures Multi Academy Trust we recognise the importance of technology in today's world, including the use of mobile phones. However, we also understand that mobile phones can be a distraction, pose a potential safeguarding concern and may impact the learning environment. Therefore, we have implemented the following mobile phone policy to ensure a safe and focused educational experience for all our students.

2. Aim

The purpose of this mobile phone policy is to establish guidelines for the responsible and appropriate use of mobile phones by students at Parklands. It aims to ensure a conducive learning environment, increase student engagement by minimising distractions, and promote student safety and wellbeing.

3. Devices covered by this policy

Mobile phones
Apple Watches
E- watches
E- tablets
Smart glasses
Another other Smart tech

The words used in this policy such as phones, mobile phones and devices are all covered interchangeably by the list above.

4. Legislation and guidance

This policy is based on guidance and literature from the Department for Education (DfE) and other relevant bodies, including:

- AFMAT behaviour policy - Secondary Schools
- [Behaviour in schools - GOV.UK](#)
- [Mobile phones in schools - GOV.UK](#)
- [Searching, Screening and Confiscation - GOV.UK](#)
- [Keeping Children Safe in Education 2026](#)
- [Children's wellbeing and Schools Act 2026](#)
- [Voyeurism \(Offences\) Act 2019](#)
- [Protection of Children Act 1978](#)
- [Sexual Offences Act 2003](#)
- [DfE 'Cyberbullying: Advice for headteachers and school staff'](#)

5. Expectations

Mobile phones should be turned off before students enter the school grounds and remain off until they leave the school grounds at the end of the day. In all cases the students must place their mobile device into the school approved pouch and lock the pouch before placing it in their school bag. The school reserves the right to inspect the pouches at any time to ensure that they have not been tampered with and remain locked. HALs and members of the SLT will have permission to undertake these checks, along with any other member of staff authorised by the Headteacher.

Further details can be found in the AFMAT behaviour policy

6. School's responsibility

The trust will not be responsible for any loss, theft, or damage to students' mobile phones. It is recommended that students do not bring valuable or expensive devices to school. It is the responsibility of parents/carers and pupils to ensure mobile devices are properly insured.

7. Exceptions

School trips may have their own mobile phone expectations. Students should follow the instructions given by trip staff. In cases where mobile phones are used to monitor medical conditions, students will be issued a specific medical mobile phone pouch which permits them to access their phone without prior permission from staff. These pouches will only be issued to students who require the use of a life saving app. Parents/carers should make the school aware of any changes to medical conditions or monitoring procedures.

Any misuse of mobile devices under the exception policy will be dealt with in accordance with the behaviour policy.

8. Consequences

Students found violating the mobile phone policy will face disciplinary action, which includes confiscation of the device, detention, or other consequences. Repeated or severe violations such as taking photos of staff or students without permission will result in escalated consequences, including parental/carer involvement, parents/carers being required to collect the mobile phone or electronic device, and potential suspension or permanent exclusion.

Further details of the sanctions are outlined in the AFMAT behaviour policy.

9. Inappropriate mobile phone use (outside of school)

Where students have used their mobile phones or electronic devices inappropriately outside of school hours and whilst off site, staff may inform and advise the relevant parties (parents/carers, DSL, social services), working with them to support and sanction where appropriate. This is to ensure

the welfare of all. Sanctions can still be applied by the school to pupils that use their mobile phone inappropriately outside of school. The school will be the final arbiter of this.

10. Contact between home and school

Students, parents and carers should use the school office as the first point of contact if they need to get in touch during the school day. We can ensure messages get to students and parents/carers. Student mobile phones should not be used during any emergency such as fire drills, evacuations or school lockdown procedures. Parents and carers are advised not to contact their child on his/her personal mobile during the school day. If students are contacted and their device is seen or heard, they will be subject to the sanctions in this policy. Emergency calls must be directed through the school office.

Short notice notifications such as after school club cancellations, delays returning to school from fixtures will be sent via the school's messaging system.

11. Staff use of mobile phones

At times staff may need to use their mobile phones to take registers or access systems such as Class Charts or Edulink apps. All use of mobile phones by trust staff will be in line with the Acceptable User Policy for staff.

12. Education and awareness

Each school will provide education and awareness training to inform students about the responsible use of mobile phones and the potential consequences of misuse. Teachers and staff members will lead discussions about digital citizenship, online safety, and the appropriate use of mobile technology.

13. Review

This policy will be reviewed every two years and may be amended periodically by the trust in consultation with teachers, staff, students and the trade unions.