



Community College

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Rationale

Mobile phones are not banned from the College however we do restrict the use of electronic devices due to their impact on student learning. Reflecting the views of students, staff and families within our consultation we recognise that it is in the interests of safety for the journey to and from College each day for students to be allowed to carry mobile phones and under supervision within College can be used as a valuable learning tool.

Principles

We believe that in order to enable quality first teaching and learning the restriction of mobile phones are important for the following reasons:

- To reduce screen time, which is linked to depression
- To help tackle bullying on social media
- Less distraction in lessons
- Mobile phones can be addictive and students need to be supported to manage their use
- Poor behaviour linked to inappropriate use of phones

Expectations

- Between the hours of 8.35 am - 3.05 pm all electronic devices (including earphones, headphones etc.) must be in bags and switched off.
- These devices must not be seen or heard and they must not be used in any building. The only exception is: Outside at break or lunch only.
- Staff at the College have the discretion to permit students to use electronic devices such as their phone in a lesson as a learning resource only.
- Students will be given permission to use their phone (under supervision) if required for emergency purposes, such as a medical need.
- We operate a 'see it, hear it, you lose it' procedure and phones will be confiscated immediately and stored securely in a safe if our expectations are not adhered to.

Should a phone be confiscated the following procedure will be followed:

CONFISCATION 1.

The device can be collected by the student after 3.05pm at Student Reception from a member of the Leadership Team.

CONFISCATION 2.

The device will be returned to parents only, who will be required to come to the College reception to collect the device by a senior member of staff after 3.05pm.

FURTHER CONFISCATIONS

This will result in students having to hand in the device at the start of each day and may lead to the College withdrawing the right for a student to bring phones or other devices onto the College site.

If a student refuses to hand the phone over to a member of staff, a member of the Leadership Team will be called. If the student still refuses to hand the phone over, they will be placed in isolation for 24 hours (school day only) and parents contacted. Parents/carers wishing to get a message to their child can contact our Reception Team

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