



Mobile Phone Policy

1. Where a pupil brings a mobile phone to school, the phone must be switched off and kept out of sight during the school day. The phone may not be used for any purpose on the school premises or grounds. If parents need to contact their children urgently during the school day, they should ring the office at 01 283 3961. Phones must be switched off on school trips and school related activities. Pupils are forbidden to bring their phones on school tours.
2. A pupil found in breach of the above rules will have their phone confiscated. The phone will be returned to the pupil at the end of the school day. If a pupil's phone is confiscated a second time, appropriate sanctions as outlined in the Code of Behaviour may be applied.
3. The use of cameras on phones is strictly prohibited. No photographs, recordings, video or audio made with mobile phones, can be taken. Using phones in such a way can seriously infringe a person's rights and appropriate sanctions as outlined in the Code of Behaviour may be applied. Where a pupil is suspected of using the phone inappropriately it will be confiscated and will be returned to their parents only when any inappropriate material has been deleted.
4. Incidents where pupils use mobile phones to bully other pupils or send offensive messages or calls will be investigated under the Anti-bullying Policy.
5. The school accepts no responsibility for replacing lost, stolen or damaged mobile phones. The safety and security of mobile phones is a matter for pupils and their parents. Pupils should have their names written on their mobile phones. Pupils should also have a code to access their phones, so they cannot be misused by others.

Addendum*

Any wristwatch or other wearable technology/device that is capable of receiving or sending messages, taking photos or accessing the internet, Wi-Fi, social media etc. (whether or not such features on such device are activated/switched-off) in any way whatsoever must be turned-off/not activated and kept in the pupil's bag at all times while the pupil is on school property or under the supervision of the staff/teachers of the school outside school property.

This policy was ratified by the Board of Management on 26/11/2024. A signed copy of the policy is available in the Principal's office.

*This addendum was ratified by the Board of Management on 17/06/2025.