



# **The Angmering School**

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## **Mobile phone/technology Policy 2023**

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**Note:** For the purposes of this policy, all references to 'mobile phone/technology devices' should be taken to include: mobile phones, Smart watches, tablets, i-pads, kindles and mp3 players.

**Policy statement:**

Mobile technology devices have become a common possession, and are increasingly complex and sophisticated. We believe that our students' would benefit from more 'screen down time' during the school day.

Many people view them as an essential to modern life. There are however many issues that relate to mobile device use, or indeed possession, in school.

In summary, the problems that mobile devices cause in school include:

- Lesson disruption by a mobile device.
- Potential for theft.
- Potential for bullying and cyber bullying.

**Mobile phone/Technology device policy:**

- **Students may not use their mobile phones/technology devices on school site unless directed by staff**
- Students may bring mobile phones/technology devices to school in their bags, but must turn them off as soon as they arrive on school site.
- Teachers may plan for specific use of mobile phones/ technology devices during lessons. Before the end of such lessons, phones/devices must be turned off and returned to bags.
- Any student using their mobile phone/ technology devices on site or whose mobile phone/ technology devices is not turned off (heard/vibrating) will have their device confiscated and kept in the school safe. The student can collect the device after 3:15pm the same day.
- If a student's mobile phone/ technology device is confiscated for a second time in the school week, the device must be collected by a parent/carer or other named adult.
- Students may wear a smart watch to school but it must be placed into 'Airplane mode' so that it cannot be used for web-browsing, texting or playing music. **During exam periods these devices must not be worn by any candidates as they breach the rules put in place by exam boards.**

If any parent or carer wishes to contact their child between 8:30 and 3:15 our Pastoral Teams will be happy to pass on a message to your child, or allow them to come to the Student Support Area (SSA) to talk to you on the phone at break times.