



Ambition

Courage

Respect

Mobile phone/technology

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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 or e-readers.

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** or for agreed medical/SEND needs.
- 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. **From September 2026 students in Years 7 and 8 may not bring any smartphones or other smart devices to school. They may bring 'brick' or non-smart phones but these must be in their bags and switched off.**
- Any student using their mobile phone/ technology devices (including wireless headphones) on site or whose mobile phone/ technology devices is not turned off (and is heard/vibrating) will have their device confiscated and kept in a secure place. In the case of wireless headphones, the student will have these, as well as their phone confiscated.
- Devices will **only be returned to parents/carers** (not to the student themselves). Parents/Carers will be notified of the confiscation via the MCAS app. Devices can be collected from Reception up until 16:30 on the day of confiscation or from 8:00 the following day. **From September 2026, if smartphones or other smart devices are confiscated from students in Years 7 or 8 they will be held for 5 school days before being returned to parents/carers.**
- 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. From September 2026 students in Years 7 and 8 may not bring smart watches to school at all.**
- The wearing of 'AI' devices such as 'smart glasses' is prohibited at all times. These will be treated in the same way as mobile phones.*

*Students with significant visual impairment, who use 'smart glasses' in order to access the curriculum may be allowed to use them during lessons but must have permission from the teacher before using them

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.

If students need to contact home in an emergency they can speak to any member of staff about making a supervised call/text. Assuming that the reasons for immediate contact are valid, staff will then allow them to make the contact under close supervision.