

Mobile Phone Protocol

Equalities statement

In our Trust we work to ensure that there is equality of opportunity for all members of our community who hold a range of protected characteristics as defined by the Equality Act 2010, as well as having regard to other factors which have the potential to cause inequality, such as socio-economic factors. For further information, please see our Equalities Policy.

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- Pupils may use mobile phones on the way to and from school.
- Pupils cannot use their mobile phones between the start and the end of the school day.
- During these times they should be switched off and placed in school bags.
- When pupils abuse these rules, the mobile phone, including sim card, will be confiscated.
- Any pupil who refuses to hand in their mobile phone will be placed in the Pupil Support Provision as a sanction, but there will still be an expectation that the same phone is handed in, even if this happens a day or so later.
- Phones may not be used to harass or bully students, staff or families. The school will sanction students who use them for this purpose.
- Mobile phones that are confiscated by staff will be kept securely and can be collected from the school reception at 3:15pm. On the first two occasions in the term, the phone can be collected by the pupil. On the third occasion, it must be collected by an adult family member*.

*If a pupil requires the mobile phone for safeguarding purposes on the way home from school, the parent may request the phone be returned to the pupils on the understanding that it is handed into the year group team the following day.