

Policy on Student Mobile Phones September 2017

A revised policy on student mobile phone use has been developed in response to Extended Management Team concerns that there is an inconsistency of approach across the school which is resulting in conflict with some students. We are keen to avoid such conflict.

Should a student decide to bring their mobile phone into school, the following rules apply:

- **Mobile phones are not to be used during the timetabled day, unless a class teacher has given permission.**
 - During the timetabled day, which includes transitions between periods, phones should be switched off (or on silent mode) and put away (e.g. in pockets or bags).
 - This rule applies to all year groups.
- Prior to 8.45am, at break (10.30 - 10.45am) and at lunchtime (1.15 - 2.00pm), students are allowed to use their phones, so long as they do so responsibly. This is a privilege, not a right. Should a student abuse this privilege by using the phone in a way which is deemed to be irresponsible, parents will be contacted.

The following table summarises this policy:

Time during the day	Policy on mobile phone use
Prior to 8.45am	Allowed
Registration	Not allowed
Timetabled classes	Not allowed (unless teacher gives permission that they can)
Transitions between classes	Not allowed
Non-timetabled study periods (including the S6 Study Area)	Allowed - but only if being used to support learning
Interval (10.30-10.45am)	Allowed
Lunchtime (1.15pm - 2.00pm)	Allowed

Should a student be in breach of this policy, procedure as set out in the school *Promoting Positive Behaviour Policy* should be followed.

If any student is unhappy with these rules, they should not bring their phone into school.