

In line with DfE guidance, smart mobile phones are not allowed at the school.

Mobile phones are a 'banned item'; the possession of which can lead to sanctions in line with our [Behaviour policy](#) and can be searched for in line with our [Searching and confiscation policy](#) both available on the policy page of the school website. We are aware there may be exceptional circumstances with regard to pre-agreed arrangements (including medical needs and SEND).

Statistics published by the government indicate that the use of a mobile phone can: -

- distract a pupil from their learning;
- disrupt the learning of other pupil;
- displace positive activities from prolonged screen time;
- encourage or increase the risk of cyber bullying;
- impede social well-being

[www.gov.uk/government/publications/mobile-phones-in-schools](http://www.gov.uk/government/publications/mobile-phones-in-schools)

Where approved, phones should be switched off before entry to the school and handed to the school office from where they can be collected at the end of the day.

## Enforcing the policy

Mobile phones / smart devices that are discovered in school will be confiscated and remain in the school office until Friday. If the phone is confiscated on a Friday it will remain in the office until the following Friday.

On a Friday a confiscated device will be returned to a parent between 4pm and 5pm by a member of the school community.

If the phone is confiscated for a second time the school will keep the phone until the next holiday and make arrangements as to whom it is returned.

We will review this policy at least annually.