



## MOBILE PHONES / ELECTRONIC DEVICES

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The school recognises that a total ban on mobile phones in school is both unrealistic and unreasonable. They are part of everyday technology and students need to be aware of how to use technology appropriately. They give some students a greater sense of safety and security particularly on a long journey to and from school. However, since our school site is generally a very safe place, we consider that in normal circumstances, break and lunchtimes, the whole school day should be considered as phone and electronic device free. However, we have invested significantly in the quality of our wireless network to facilitate students using electronic devices in the classroom. During the course of this year, we will be expanding the use of bring your own device (BYOD) in class. Students will only be allowed to use devices (tablets/phones etc) under the direction of the classroom teacher. Mobile phones or other electronic devices are not to be used or seen during the school day (8.50 – 3.40) - unless directed by a member of staff in the classroom environment – and must be switched off at other times including break and lunchtimes. The school not will be responsible for items lost/damaged should students choose to bring their mobile phones/electronic devices into school.



The school's normal disciplinary sanctions will apply in cases where mobile phones or electronic devices are used inappropriately whilst on the school site. In most circumstances, this will include the temporary confiscation of devices by staff and the device will be returned to the student at the end of the school day.

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