



# Mobile Phone Policy

## Policy Aims

At Rednock School we recognise that mobile phones, including smart phones, are an important part of everyday life for our students, parents and staff, as well as the wider community. Our policy aims to:

- Promote and set an example for safe and responsible phone use
- Set clear guidelines for the use of the mobile phones for students, staff, parents and volunteers
- Support the school's other policies, especially those related to child protection and behaviour

The policy also aims to address some of the challenges posed by mobile phones in school, such as:

- Risks to child protection
- Data protection issues
- Potential for lesson disruption
- Risk of theft, loss or damage
- Appropriate use of technology in the classroom

## What are the rules?

- Students may bring mobile phones to school but not use them: they must be stored in bags or lockers and switched off.
- Mobile phones can be used within lessons to enhance learning but only with the teacher's explicit permission.
- Mobile phones may be used in school after 3pm, once students have been dismissed from lesson.

## Sanctions

Any mobile phone seen (except in the classroom with the teacher's explicit permission), will be immediately confiscated as it is a prohibited item.

A confiscated mobile phone will be taken to the Head Teacher's PA and sealed in a bag, labelled and placed in a school safe. If this is the student's first offense they will be instructed to collect their phone at the end of the school day.

Where a student breaches this policy on more than one occasion, their parents / carers will be contacted within 48 hours to collect their child's phone from the school at a mutually agreed time.

## Parental Support

The use of mobile phones and social media is an issue that schools and parents need to work on, in partnership. There are some key things you can do to support your child's use of social media and mobile phones.

- Agree house rules on when and how long they can go online and which sites they can access.
- Be good role models and put your phone and tablet away too.
- It's a good idea to give their eyes and minds at least one hour of rest before sleeping.

## FAQs

### How do I contact my child in an emergency?

*The main school office will be able to communicate messages to your child in the event of an emergency. If you are unable to get through as all lines are busy then leave a message and it will be picked up.*

*School Office Tel: 01453 543618*

### My child needs their phone walking to and from school, is this allowed?

*Keeping children safe is our main priority, and as such, the use of mobile phones to and from school is allowed. The school expects students to turn off their mobile phones when entering the school site and to place them out of sight for the remainder of the school day. Students may use their phones after 3pm once they have been dismissed from lesson.*