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# Mobile Technology Policy

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# Mobile Technology

1. Mobile phones represent a significant distraction to learning and the technology of most mobile phones creates a number of safeguarding issues including photographs and cyberbullying.
2. For safety reasons mobile phones are permitted on the journey to and from school. However, mobile phones and any SMART devices including watches are not to be seen or heard at any point during the school day, starting from 8:20am onwards. All students will have access to lockers to enable the safe storage of mobile phones.
3. As above, mobile technology should not be on view during the school day, this includes after the school day finishes at 3.15pm as students may be in electives or revision classes. This is also the case from 13:30pm on Wednesdays, due to KS4 lessons, electives and revision classes. If a member of staff witnesses a student using a phone or other piece of mobile technology, such as a smart watch, the equipment will be taken from the student and returned directly to the parent/carer only. For a second offence, we would encourage parents or carers to wait until Friday to collect the mobile phone. Multiple offences could result in a meeting and risk assessment to help ensure compliance with the school rules.
4. If a student needs to speak with a parent/carer or to access their mobile phone during the day they should contact the Head of Year who will make arrangements for this to be possible in exceptional circumstances.
  - Parents/carers are reminded that we are not responsible for the loss of or damage to any confiscated items. All staff will be fully supported if there is an issue e.g. loss of confiscated item from a member of staff's drawer.
  - Students will not be given permission to listen to their own music in lessons e.g. whilst completing classwork.
5. Laurus Ryecroft have consulted the following documentation with creating a mobile phone policy

[Mobile phones in schools - February 2024 \(publishing.service.gov.uk\)](https://publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/114111/mobile_phones_in_schools_-_february_2024.pdf)

[Creating a mobile phone-free school environment \(publishing.service.gov.uk\)](https://publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/114111/creating_a_mobile_phone_free_school_environment.pdf)

# Equality Impact Statement

Names and title of people involved with this assessment	Rachel Robinson Assistant Trust Director of Inclusion
Impact assessment carried out with regard to identified characteristics	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Race <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Disability <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sex <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Age <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Religious Belief <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sexual Orientation <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Gender Reassignment
Summary of any issue/proposed changes	Further guidance included regarding after the school day finishes at 3.15pm
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