



DIDSBURY
HIGH SCHOOL

Mobile Technology Policy

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Legal Framework

This policy has due regard to all relevant legislation and statutory guidance including, but not limited to, the following:

DfE (2025) 'Keeping children safe in education'
DfE (2022) 'Searching, Screening and Confiscation'
The Data Protection Act 2018

This policy operates in conjunction with the following school policies:

Anti-bullying Policy
Online Safety Policy
Data Protection Policy
Safeguarding Policy (including Child Protection)
Behaviour policy

Rationale

As per the government guidance on Mobile Phones in School, Didsbury High School prohibits the use of mobile technology throughout the school day, including during lessons, the transition between lessons, social times and during electives. This is done so with the aim to remove digital distraction.

Mobile technology should not be used during these times for the following reasons:

- 1. Disruption to teaching and learning.*
- 2. They can be used as a tool to bully, harass or emotionally harm others.*
- 3. They could be equipped to record sound or take photographs/video. Taking of such images and recordings contravenes the Data Protection Act 2018.*
- 4. Mobile Technology is not permitted in examination rooms.*
- 5. These items are usually of high value and are therefore at risk of being stolen or lost in school*
- 6. Presence of mobile technology on your person, creates a distraction. This reduces engagement in learning.*

For safety reasons, mobile phones are permitted on the journey to and from school.

Mobile phones and any SMART devices are not to be seen or heard at any point during the school day. It is our expectation that phones are switched off, no later than 8.20am when the first bell rings for morning registration. During registration, students are expected to secure their mobile phone in their individual phone locker within their Tutor Room. Their phone is to remain there until the end of the day. Mobile phones can be used again once they leave the school site.

Applicable Devices

All points in this policy apply to any device which is internet-enabled including but not limited to:

Mobile phones including Android phones, iPhones, Smartphones.

Personal Digital Assistants

Handheld entertainment systems and associated equipment including games consoles, CD players, DVD players, MP3 players, iPods and earphones/AirPods.

Portable internet devices such as iPads/tablets

Internet-enabled watches including Smart watches, GPS watches, FitBits, Fitness Trackers etc may be worn in school, but only for the purpose of telling the time and must have all other functions disabled.

The exception to this policy is if mobile technology is used for health monitoring and this has been agreed through a First Aid risk assessment.

Non-Compliance with this Policy

If a member of staff sees any mobile technology, this will be confiscated and given to the Head of Year. A sanction will be issued if they do not comply with the request to hand their device to a member of staff.

The item should be collected from their Head of Year at the end of the school day. If a student has had an item confiscated twice previously, the item will remain in school and the expectation is that it will be collected by a parent or carer.

If a student needs to speak with a parent/carers or access their mobile phone during the day, they should speak to their Head of Year who can facilitate this in exceptional circumstances.

Parent/carers are reminded that we are not responsible for the loss of or damage to any confiscated items. A secure location to store mobile technology is provided for all students within their Tutor Room.

Equality Impact Statement

Names and title of people involved with this assessment	Rachel Robinson Trust Director of Inclusion
Impact assessment carried out with regard to identified characteristics	☒ Race ☒ Disability ☒ Sex ☒ Age ☒ Religious Belief ☒ Sexual Orientation ☒ Gender Reassignment
Summary of any issue/proposed changes	New policy in response to new DfE guidance around mobile technology in schools.
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