



DAUNTSEY'S SCHOOL

PUPIL MOBILE PHONE POLICY

Rationale

- The School recognises that personal communication through mobile technologies is an accepted part of everyday life and provide pupils and parents with a ready means of communicating. However, there is a need to set clear guidelines and limit their use during the School day.
- The School recognises the importance of technologies in mobile phones (e.g. camera and video recording, internet access, playback, blogging etc) and therefore teachers may wish to utilise these functions to aid teaching and learning. However, the use of mobile phones in one lesson for a specific purpose does not mean that similar usage is acceptable in other lessons, unless instructed.

Responsibility

- The decision to provide a pupil with a mobile phone should be made by the parents or guardians. It is the responsibility of the parents or guardians to understand the capabilities of the phone and the potential use, and misuse, of these capabilities.
- The School cannot accept any responsibility for any loss, damage or costs incurred due to its use at School.
- Parents and guardians are reminded that in cases of emergency, the School Reception offers an appropriate point of contact and can ensure that a message reaches a pupil. This also reduces the likelihood of lessons or activities being inadvertently disrupted.
- It is strongly advised that pupils use passwords/pin numbers to ensure that unauthorised phone calls or messages cannot be made from their devices. It is also recommended that pupils mark their devices clearly with their names (invisible marker pens can be used).

Acceptable Use in the Sixth Form

- Mobile phones must be kept in 'silent' mode throughout the time that pupils are in School.
- Sixth Form pupils may only use mobile phones in House areas, in the Library, in the 17 Club, or when a member of staff specifically permits their use in a lesson. Pupils also should not be wearing headphones outside of these areas.
- When they are used, as explained above, it is important that they are used discreetly and that pupils display courtesy, consideration and respect for others.

PUPIL ACCESS TO MOBILE PHONES

Access for Day Pupils Monday - Friday

	Hand in	Collection
1st Form	08:25	Before departing School at the end of the day
2nd Form	08:25	Before departing School at the end of the day
3rd Form	08:25	Before departing School at the end of the day
4th Form	08:25	Before departing School at the end of the day
5th Form	08:25	Before departing School at the end of the day
Sixth Form	During the School day Sixth Form pupils may only use mobile phones in House areas, in the Library, in the 17 Club, or when a member of staff specifically permits their use in a lesson. In any other situation they should be switched off and out of sight.	

Saturdays

- 1st - 5th Form pupils will have access to their phone after lessons. This is to enable those travelling away to fixtures to leave School with their phone if they are being collected from the fixture.

Access for Boarders Monday - Friday

	Morning	Afternoon	Evening	Total Phone Usage
1st Form	X	X	19:30-20:30	1 hour
2nd Form	X	X	19:15-20:30	1 hour 15 mins
3rd Form	X	X	19:15-20:45	1 hour 30 mins
4th Form	07.20-08.25	16:30-17:50	20:45-21:30	3 hours 10 mins
5th Form	07.20-08.25	16:30-17:50	20:45-21:45	3 hours 25 mins
Sixth Form	During the School day Sixth Form pupils may only use mobile phones in House areas, in the Library, in the 17 Club, or when a member of staff specifically permits their use in a lesson. In any other situation they should be switched off and out of sight. Sixth Form pupils can opt-in to hand in their phones overnight. In consultation with parents, House staff can make it compulsory for individual Sixth Form pupils to hand in their phones if necessary.			

Saturdays

- 1st - 5th Form pupils will have access to their phone after lessons until their respective bedtime. This is to enable those travelling away to fixtures to leave School with their phone if they are being collected from the fixture.

Sundays

- 1st - 5th Form boarders will have access to their phone after brunch until their respective bedtime. House staff can suggest less access to phones on occasions where phone use would limit pupils' engagement in School or House events.

H D Thomas
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