

Senior Education Policies

Mobile Telephones and Ear Phones

Culford School is a phone-free zone between 8:25am and 5:25pm. Pupils in Fourth Form to Upper Fifth have ownership of pouches to store their phones in during the day, which are clicked shut during tutor time in the morning. Tutors are responsible for checking that each tutee's phone is turned off and in its pouch.

Staff will be encouraged to check pouches in period one to ensure those missing registration have put their phones in pouches. Members of the Senior Leadership Team will do random checks during the day.

Pupils must keep phones in their pouches in their bags, not on their person. Pupils who do not bring their pouch to school will be sent to the Assistant Head's (Pastoral and Boarding) office to hand in their phones, which will be stored for the day.

At 5:25pm, pupils may deactivate the locking system by visiting one of the many stations to facilitate this around the school, including Hastings, Skinner, Boarding Houses and the Sports Centre.

Pupils with medical needs who need to use their phones will have a pouch that does not fasten, in which they should store their phones.

If pupils in Fourth Form to Upper Fifth year groups are seen with a mobile phone, the phone will be confiscated, and they will sit in a Senior Team detention for defiance. If a pupil offends repeatedly, they should expect a suspension.

Sixth Form students may use their mobile phones in the Library to listen to music or for work purposes, but they should not access social media or entertainment during the School day. Should Sixth Form pupils not respect our ethos of being a phone-free school, they will, at the discretion of the Head of Sixth Form, be required to use a lockable pouch until the Head of Sixth Form decides otherwise. They will be issued a Level Two Pastoral concern, which will be escalated if a student becomes a repeat offender.

Staff can collect a mobile device to unlock the pouches should they wish pupils to use phones in lessons or take them for use on fixtures or trips.

Pupils leaving the site for a medical appointment or through illness can deactivate the lock at the Senior School reception or the Health Centre.

In addition, ear phones such as air pods should only be used in lessons and in the Library when needed to access a learning activity. Sixth Form can use earphones in the Library on the Mezzanine for listening to music. Earphones should not be worn whilst walking around the school site.