



RWBA
SIXTH
FORM

Mobile Phone Policy – Term 6





Purpose

Why are we changing the rules

- UN guidelines, research on the impact of overuse.
- Government guidance – February 2024.
- Ascend Learning Trust consistency across our schools.
- It is right for us and you.



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Research

- UK study in Nature Communications – Girls ages 11-13 and boys aged 14-15 are more likely to feel less life satisfaction.
- This is because of brain development, puberty make us more vulnerable to what we hear, feel and see.
- Ofcom – 64% use social media under the age of 11. Most social media platforms are 13. Some are 16. Therefore, the content is not always filtered for teenagers.
- United Nations has warned of the risks of smartphones in school
- ‘only technology that supports learning has a place in school’.
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- Allowing access to mobiles in school introduces risks, including distraction, disruption, bullying and abuse and disrupts learning. Head teachers should consider restricting or prohibiting mobile phones to reduce these risks," DfE guidance states.



Main School Rules

For students –

No mobile phones.

- Turn it off and put it away.
- It should not be seen or heard.
- If you do bring it on site, it needs to be in a bag not a pocket.
- It is your responsibility.
- It is not used between 8.30 and 3.10 on site.
- It is not used after school unless with teacher permission.

For Visitors –

- Not to be brought into meetings and placed on a table or in a pocket. It may be in a bag.
- Unless a professional - police / social care.

For staff –

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Mobile phones are banned for all in the main school.



Sixth Form Rules

- Mobile phones cannot be seen, heard or used in main school (Including the street, any classroom, canteen or any area outside of the building)

This is also true for all Sixth Form students

- Mobile phones may only be used in the **Sixth Form block**, including the foyer, study space on the top floor, study area SF05, Sixth Form Computer Suite, SFCLC and the Sixth Form Common Room.
- In areas accessible to main school (mezzanine and foyer) students may use phones discretely for educational or work purposes. Any social use of mobile phones eg: watching videos, social media gaming must be done in the common room during break or lunchtime.
- Mobile phones should not be used in the social science corridor.
- Mobile phones can only be used outside if you are directly outside the Sixth Form block or in the Sixth Form car park. They are not to be seen, heard or used in any other outside space.

Inside of class

Mobile phones should be carried **in a bag**, so they are not seen or used in lesson.

The only time a mobile phone should be seen, heard or used in lesson is if it is for an **educational purpose as directed by the class teacher**.

It is completely at the teacher's discretion, and you must seek permission and follow their requests at all times.

Outside of class

The only place you can use a mobile phone outside is directly outside the Sixth Form building or in the Sixth Form carpark. Not to be used on the shack side of the building.

If you are doing so, you should be discrete and ensure that your conversation if on a call is not overheard. Personal phone calls can be scheduled in a private space see Mrs Allen for booking.



Exemptions from the school rules.

- Sixth Form areas as clearly defined.
- If you have a digital monitor for a diagnosed medical condition.
- Some DT, Photography lessons for all students.
- Trips or after school events.

For all exemptions, please follow the teacher's direction, at the time.

Sanctions

If seen, heard or used in a prohibited area or without the teacher's permission you will be asked by a teacher to go to the Removal room (B Corridor) and surrender your phone. It will be labelled and kept safe.

The phone will be collected by Mr Matthews or Mrs Allen. The phone will be held in a secure locked box in the office until it is returned to the student.

The student will receive a detention and the phone will be returned to the student at the end of the detention.

Sixth Form staff will compile a spreadsheet of all incidents of confiscation and will inform parents if students do not comply.

Any Questions?

