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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 and may be used to contact home after electives. However, mobile phones and any SMART devices including watches are not to be seen or heard at any point during the school day. All students will have access to lockers to enable the safe storage of mobile phones.
3. Mobile technology should not be on view during the school day. 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.

## Equality Impact Assessments

Names and titles of people involved with this assessment	<b>Dr Mark Sackville-Ford</b> <b>Assistant Trust Director of SEND</b>
Title of Policy – <b>Mobile Technology</b>	
Impact assessment carried out with regard to identified characteristics	Race <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Disability <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Gender <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Age <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Religion & belief <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sexual orientation <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Summary of any issues/proposed changes	
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