

Mobile Phones:

Mobile phones will be confiscated if used inappropriately: this includes use in examinations (where the paper may be declared void, and further regulations set by the examination boards themselves may apply), phones being switched on in lessons or assemblies, the use of the camera function on a phone, and the use of phones during a conversation with a member of staff. The word 'use' in this context includes receiving calls, texts and data, as well as using functions on the phone such as music player software. It is unacceptable for pupils to use phones or other technological equipment to humiliate or bully other members of the school community (e.g. sending abusive text messages, cyberbullying, using camera-phones, and the recording and transmitting of images of abuse).

All mobile phones must be switched off during lessons and Assemblies. Where mobile phones are confiscated, staff will give the phone to the finance office for safe keeping, and notify the relevant Learning Coordinator. The Learning Coordinator will only return the phone to a parent. The school has considered the safety of pupils, the majority of whom travel by car, train or school coach: where a parent believes that safety is a concern, he/she may come to school in order to collect the phone from the Learning coordinator as soon as is mutually convenient – the usual period of confiscation will not apply.