

## **Mobile Phones Misuse Policy Statement for Pupils**

Although mobile phones are a part of "everyday life" for children, they can be a "distraction" in school. Please remember that mobile phones must not be on pupils during the school day, they are to hand them into their teacher in the morning.

Any pupil who uses a mobile phone in the school day or uses their phone in an inappropriate way will have it confiscated and a sanction will follow. There is no exception to this rule.

Repeated breaches result in the phone being returned only to a guardian, who will be required to visit the school by appointment to collect the phone. These appointments will only be available on Fridays and when the Headteacher is available.

So repeated breaches could result in the school retaining the mobile phone for a week or longer, statutory powers allow for this sanction\*.

*\* In accordance with the Education and Inspections Act 2006, Section 91, and the Department for Education's statutory guidance on 'Behaviour and Discipline in Schools' (January 2016), the school has the authority to confiscate and retain items, including mobile phones, as a disciplinary measure. The policy of returning confiscated phones only when the headteacher is available ensures a structured approach to behaviour management, promotes parental involvement, and maintains operational practicality. This approach aligns with the statutory guidance which allows schools to determine the procedures for the return of confiscated items, ensuring they are reasonable and proportionate.*