

Mobile Phone use at The Blue School – Years 7-11

We recognise that mobile phones and other similar devices have become an integral part of life and can be a great asset if used correctly. However, these devices can also cause problems when used inappropriately. At The Blue we have a duty of care to protect students and staff and so the following code of conduct has been prepared to clarify our expectations:

- Mobile phones should be switched off and kept out of sight during registration, lessons and changeover between lessons.
- Students may use soundless features such as text messaging or listen to music using headphones during long break and lunchtimes.
- Students should not use social media, make/take phone calls, take pictures or make recordings of any kind unless directed to do so by a member of staff.
- Teachers may wish to utilise mobile technology to aid teaching and learning and students may have the opportunity to use their mobile phones in the classroom. On these occasions students may use their mobile phones in the classroom when express permission has been given by the teacher. The use of personal mobile phones in one lesson for a specific purpose does not mean blanket usage is then acceptable.
- If a student fails to follow this code and uses their phone inappropriately our behaviour policy will be used to determine any sanctions. The phone will also be confiscated and taken to the pastoral office by the member of staff where the incident will be recorded. The phone will be available for collection by the student immediately following the end of the day. Repeated misuse will result in further sanctions.
- Students must ensure that files stored on their phones do not contain violent, degrading, racist or pornographic images. The sharing of such images is a criminal offence. Similarly, 'sexting' – which is the sending of personal sexual imagery - is also a criminal offence.
- Please note that as with all other personal property, mobile phones and similar devices are brought to school at the owner's risk. The school does not accept responsibility for replacing lost, stolen or damaged personal property.

Note to Parents/Carers

If you need to contact your child/ren, we request that you do so by text and only at long break (11.40am-12.00 noon) or lunchtime (1.15-2.00pm). In cases of emergency please contact the school office on 01749 678799.

If your child is feeling unwell please do not make arrangements to collect them before they have followed our school procedures. The first stage for students should be to report to First Aid and if the decision is made to send them home a member of staff will contact you to make arrangements.