

DORMSTON SCHOOL

Mobile Phone Policy



Date	Review date	Safeguarding Leads	Nominated Governor
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At Dormston School we recognise that mobile phones, including smart phones, are an important part of everyday life for our students, parents and staff, as well as the wider school community. We want to develop a culture where students are respectful with the use of their mobile phones in school.

Students are not permitted to carry or use mobile phones within the School unless direct permission is given from a teaching member of staff

- The school places great importance on the well-being and safety of all individuals;
- The use of mobile phones support bullying through the use of text messaging, videoing and Social Media
- Learning is our priority and the use of mobile phones in school can interfere with successful teaching and learning;
- Students wishing to carry a mobile phone to and from school for their personal safety should **leave their phone in pupil reception before 8.40am and then collect it at 3.10pm**;
- ✓ It is the responsibility of the student to keep their phone token safe. The school will not take responsibility for any circumstances resulting from the loss of this token;
- ✓ Students are also allowed to keep their phone switched off in their bag, however school will accept no responsibility for lost, stolen or damaged items.

If a member of staff sees a student using a mobile phone/air pods they will ask that the device is switched off and taken to pupil reception /placed it in their school bag. If this reasonable request is not followed the device will be confiscated until the end of the school day.

If a student fails to switch off their device, hand in to pupil reception or place in their bag (including air pods)
FIRST CONSEQUENCE The device will be confiscated and taken to main reception for safe keeping. **The student can collect this at the end of the day.** A Serious Incident will be added on Go4Schools.

SECOND CONSEQUENCE The device will be confiscated and taken to main reception for safe keeping. **The student can collect this at the end of the day.** A Serious Incident will be added on Go4Schools. HOH/DHOH may contact home to discuss the breach of this policy and the consequences of repeat incidents. These may include a detention, handing the mobile into HOH/DHOH daily,

REPEAT INCIDENTS/ SAFEGUARDING CONCERNS

When any incident of mobile phone use interferes with teaching and learning or is used to video incidents involving our students, further sanctions and PSCO involvement will be directed at the discretion of the school. Devices may be confiscated and a parent meeting will be triggered to check for inappropriate material involving the school and/or to safeguard the child. The phone will only be returned to the parent/carer with parental responsibility on our school system.

- ✓ The school will not deal with incidents where mobile phones have been lost or stolen (and the above guidelines have not been followed);
- ✓ Parents/carers and students should be aware that any mobile phone or electronic device used during an exam situation will disqualify the candidate from that exam and could jeopardise future exams;
- ✓ JCQ (Joint Council for Qualifications) considers mobile phone use in examinations an 'offence' that could cause 'disqualification from the whole qualification or from all qualifications taken in that series'