



Mobile Phone Policy

As a school, we have always remained clear about our policy towards mobile phones. In recent times, incidents have occurred with children where inappropriate use of a mobile phone has taken place. This has caused concern for staff involved and served as a reminder that all staff, parents and pupils should be aware of the school policy (inc. TASC) on Mobile Phone, MP3, iPod, iPad use.

Mr Cameron

Rationale

Mobile phones are a feature of modern society and an increasing number of our pupils own one. Mobile phones serve as an excellent way to ensure pupils are always able to contact parents when they are not being supervised. Whilst on the school premises, phones are not necessary for the educational purposes that the children are here for. They may however be used to speak to parents outside of school (on the way to and from school) to make arrangements.

Increasing sophistication of mobile phone technology presents a number of issues for schools:

- The high monetary value of many phones
- The integration of cameras leading to potential issues
- The potential to use the phone eg for texting whilst on silent mode.

Policy

- Phones must not be used for any purpose (e.g. phoning, texting, surfing the internet, taking photos, checking the time, taking videos) between the hours of 8:30 am and 1:00 pm.
- Phones can be used by children at TASC only to contact their parent/guardian to make different arrangements than those they made at the beginning of the day or to set a specific time to leave that works for the parent/guardian. This should be done in the cloakroom when they arrive at TASC (15:00-15:10) with permission from the teacher.
- Any child who believes that their parents will need to reply to a text (sent between 15:00-15:10) or that their parent/guardian might phone their private phone, should place it on the teacher's desk. This can often be the case for the older children; placing it in a safe place, in view of staff members and within hearing distance means that all parents and children can remain connected if required.
- If a child breaches these rules the phone will be collected by a member of staff. It will be returned to the child before they leave TASC and parents will be made aware that the use is becoming a distraction.

Parents are asked to contact TASC, through the TASC phone, if they need to make alterations or state a time that a child must leave by. This ensures lines of communication with the member of staff on duty are kept open and successful. Parents can speak to a member of staff and a message will be relayed promptly to their child.

Responsibility for mobile phones

School accepts no responsibility whatsoever for theft, loss, damage or health effects (potential or actual) relating to mobile phones.