

Behaviour Policy Addendum - Mobile Communication Devices (Phones/Tablets)

These devices are not banned from school as we recognize that they may be needed for the journey to and from school each day. Having arrived on the school premises, however, all phones, handheld games consoles and devices will need to be switched off and kept out of sight in the student's school bag (not in a pocket), together with any headphones, earphones or air pods. Smart watches must only be used for telling the time and not for communication. If a member of staff has reason to believe that the student is using their smart watch for purposes other than communication then the student will be sanctioned in accordance with the following policy.

The school premises and site refers to inside the school gates that are on the road that the school is on.

If a phone/tablet is seen on school site it will be confiscated, a detention issued, and the pupil will collect their phone at the end of the day from the Key Stage 4 Pastoral Office. If a pupil is caught using their phone during Period 6 or after 3pm, such as in detention, a detention will also be issued and it will be confiscated until the student leaves site.

The same applies to other electronic devices not authorised by SENDCo or the headteacher. Headphones are not to be worn around the neck or air pods in the ear. They should be placed in bags during the school day.

If a student refuses to hand their phone over, they will be referred to AP and they will be expected to hand over the mobile phone to be collected at the end of the day. This will result in a phone call from the member of staff who has referred the student to AP.

Continued refusal could result in an escalation of sanctions such as extended time in AP or a suspension.

If a member of staff has reason to believe that the student has used their mobile phone during the School day, they may consider asking for a search to be sanctioned in line with our guidance on searching.