

1. Our approach to mobile phones at MCS is as follows:

- 1.1. All students are permitted to have mobile phones in school.
- 1.2. When students enter the school site they must switch them off and place them in their bag or locker. The phone must not be seen or heard during the school day.
- 1.3. Students are not permitted to use their phones during the school day. Exceptions to this are as follows:
 - 1.3.1. Students may use mobile phones in lessons at the direction of the teacher. They are not otherwise permitted to use them in lessons.
 - 1.3.2. If students need to contact home in an emergency, they should ask a member of Wellbeing Team or Reception for permission to use their phone
- 1.4. Sixth Form students are permitted to use mobile phones in independent study, but are not permitted to use them in communal areas such as corridors and yards. This is so that they set a good example to younger students.

2. The benefits

- 2.1. Students can easily capture information in classrooms, use Google Classroom, etc. (However, a phone should not be used as a mathematical calculator)
- 2.2. Students are able to contact home at the start and end of school if required, as well as when travelling to and from school.
- 2.3. Sixth Form students can use their phones independently as a study tool as part of our Sixth Form Professional Student expectations.
- 2.4. Students will be taught the benefits, responsible use and potential issues of mobile phones and the internet through our wider curriculum, without being left to work it out themselves.
- 2.5. The School is in a position to encourage physical activity in breaks, conversation between students, games and normal social interactions instead of staring at a screen.
- 2.6. The School is able to meet its safeguarding obligations regarding student access to the internet.

3. Ensuring consistency

- 3.1. This approach is in line with the spirit of our Relationships and Behaviour Policy, which promotes our school value of *freedom with responsibility*. Students have the freedom to have a device with them, and have the responsibility to use it only for learning purposes.
- 3.2. Students will be instructed to put their phone away immediately on any occasion that they do not meet this school approach - for example, if they have their phone out without permission.
- 3.3. If instructed then a student is required to immediately comply. If this does not happen then the mobile phone is liable to be confiscated. If the student only

partially or temporarily complies with the instruction then the phone is liable to be confiscated.

- 3.4. A confiscated phone is then delivered as soon as possible by the member of staff to the Wellbeing Administrator, who secures the phone.
- 3.5. Any confiscated phones are handed back at the end of the day in the first instance. Students must collect the phone from the Wellbeing Administrator.
- 3.6. Repeated infractions will result in phones being confiscated for a longer period of time, and/or phones only being returned to a parent or carer, and/or a student being required to hand their phone in at the start of each day.