

ST PETER'S SCHOOL

MOBILE PHONE POLICY (To include Smart Watches, MP3 Players, Ipods, Electronic Games Machines)

The School does not permit mobile phones to be brought into School by students in Years 7-11.

Policy Rationale

In adopting this Policy, the School is in line with many other schools which adopt a "zero-tolerance" approach. Mobile phones can be a source of distraction in lessons, and can also be used inappropriately by students, such as in "happy-slapping" incidents. In addition a phone often constitutes an expensive item which is easily damaged or lost. Phones therefore fall under the School's general prohibition on bringing in electronic items such as IPODs and MP3s (see Student Planners).

Mobile Phone Policy

1. If a student is found in possession of, or seen using a mobile phone on site, for any reason, it will be confiscated by a member of staff as a prohibited item in School, and passed to the reception immediately, together with the student's name, tutor group, and the name of the member of staff confiscating the phone or electronic device.
2. For a first offence the mobile phone will be passed to reception for collection by the student at the end of that day. A standard letter will be sent home.
3. For a second offence the confiscated phone will be placed in a secure place until being returned to the student one week after confiscation.
4. For a third offence, the mobile phone will only be returned upon parental collection, one week after confiscation.

Student Safety

Students will remain able to make emergency phone calls home via the school office, or their Year Leaders' office during the school day. Parents are asked to contact their child in an emergency via the school office during the school day.

Parents asking their child to carry a mobile phone in their bag, for use before or after the school day, are asked to draw their child's attention to Policy points 1-4 above.

In exceptional circumstances the school will loan out a mobile phone, from reception, if parents so wish to ensure the safety of their child. This phone, along with a charger, will be signed out by the child and returned at an agreed period of time. The student will be asked to check the level of available credit on receipt of the phone and likewise on its return with any credit used paid for by the student.

