



Mobile Phone Policy

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Acceptable Use Policy for Mobile Devices

Introduction

The term 'mobile device' in this policy denotes mobiles phones, iPods, MP3, MP4 players, and any similar portable electronic devices that can be used for gaming, messaging, recording or running social media apps. This includes air pods / headphones.

1. Rationale

- 1.1. For many young people the ownership of a mobile device is considered a necessary and vital part of their life. These devices have many functions which improve our lives. However, they have certain negative consequences when not used properly in a school setting.
- 1.2. There is an expanding body of evidence, both scientific and anecdotal, that there is a direct link between increased screen time and a range of negative outcomes including reduced academic performance, increased mental ill-health issues and reduced physical fitness.
- 1.3. On a practical level, the use of mobile devices in corridors and between lessons discourages healthy social interaction, slows students down and causes accidents.
- 1.4. There is increasing evidence that students are using mobile devices to communicate inappropriately with each other or use social media during the school day.
- 1.5 The only exemption for use of a mobile phone in a classroom would be in a circumstance where a pupil with Type 1 diabetes would be permitted to check blood sugar levels. These pupils will be made known to staff through the school health care needs processes.
- 1.6. Any student who brings a mobile device into school does so at their own risk and school will not be held responsible for any loss, theft or damage.



2. Policy

Mobile phones not be seen or heard in a classroom.

The classroom is to be a no phone zone.

Any mobile phones or ear pods / headphones that are **seen** or **heard** in a classroom will be **confiscated**.

Classrooms are to be a no phone zone for pupils and staff.

Why we do this:

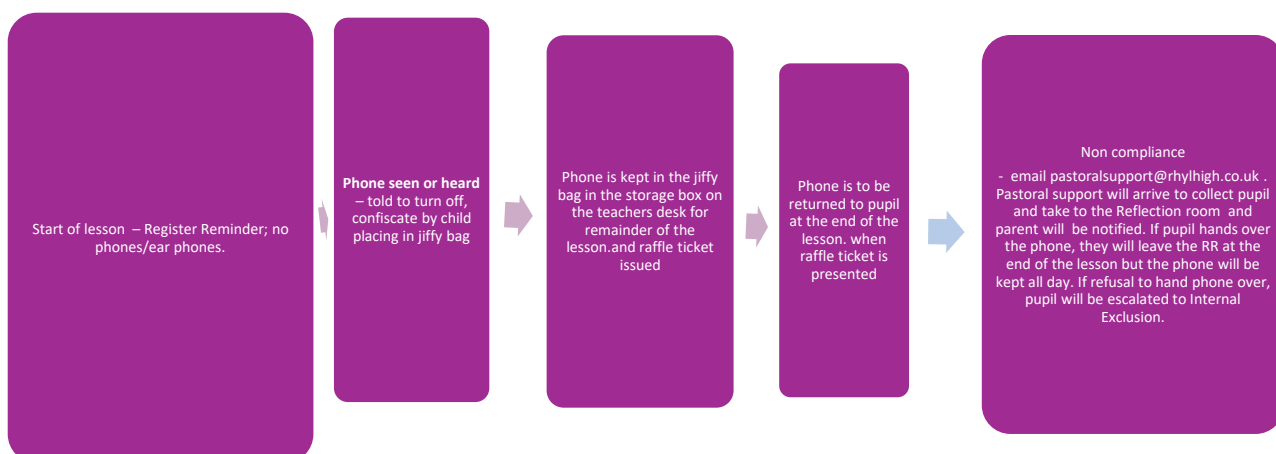
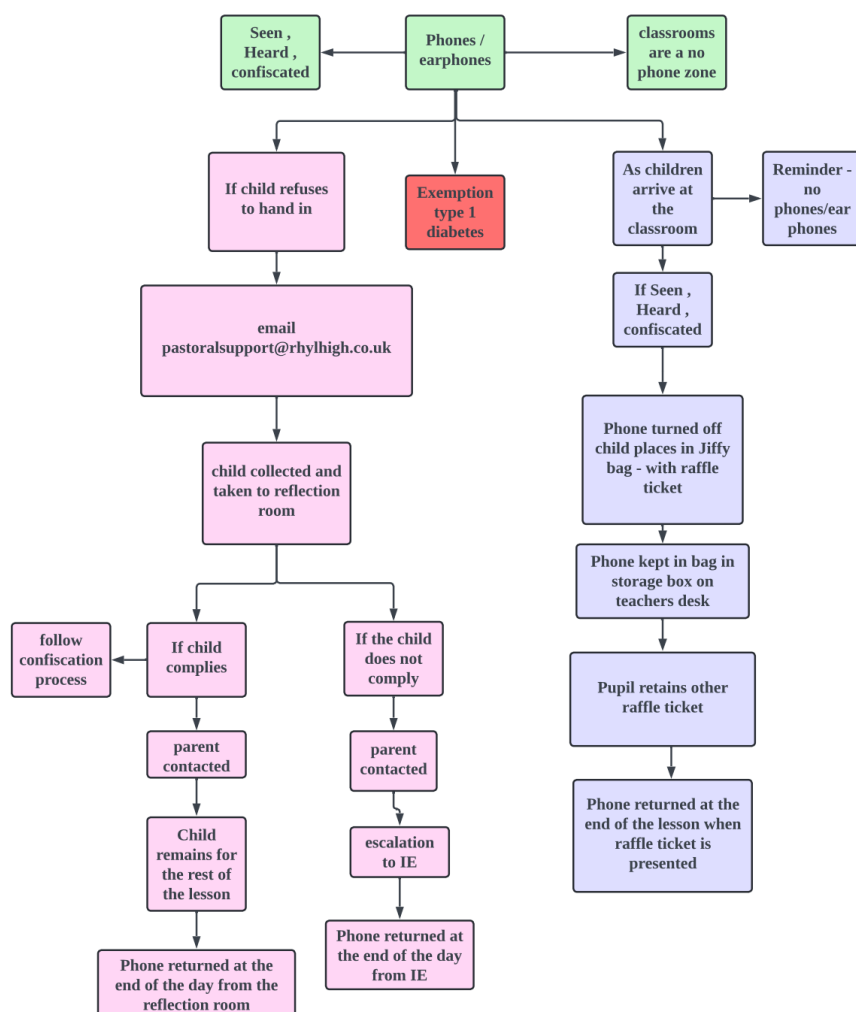
- To support pupils with their wellbeing linked to issues around mobile phones.
- To prevent learning being disrupted by mobile phones in the classroom.

The process below is followed:

2.1. The simple rule is '**Seen, Heard, Confiscated**'.

2.2. Any student using their mobile device within a classroom will have their mobile device confiscated; 'use' in this case means if the mobile device is seen or heard.

2.3 Mobile phone confiscation process:



3. Unacceptable use

- 3.1. Bullying, intimidation and harassment are not new in society, however, bullying using mobile technology represents a new challenge for schools to manage.
- 3.2. If the use of mobile technology humiliates, embarrasses or causes offence, it is unacceptable and will be dealt with in accordance with the school's Anti Bullying Policy.
- 3.3. The matter may also be reported to the Police. Whilst on school premises/activities, students must **NEVER** use their mobile device to photograph, film or record and/or upload onto the internet any content which references any student, member of staff or visitor.
- 3.4. Inappropriate material which has been accessed out of school must not be brought into school or shared with others.

4. Contact with parents and carers

- 4.1. Communication between parents and carers and their children during the school day should occur through the school's official communication channels and not via a student's mobile device during lesson time.
- 4.2. In the case of an emergency, parents and carers should contact the school's reception first on 01745 343533 (rather than their child) so that staff are aware of any potential problems and can make any necessary arrangements to support their child.
- 4.3. If a student is ill or needs to contact his/her parents and carers they should refer the matter to a staff member who will advise the student and help to make the necessary arrangements.