



The Buckingham School

Mobile Phone Policy and Process



Rationale:

- Prime source of Low Level Disruption (LLD) in lessons
- Consistent confiscation of phones by staff
- Students calling parents to pick them up if they feel ill, without any contact through LJA or the Student Office.
- Staff having photos taken and used in Social Media
- Persistent safeguarding issues and concerns
- Mobile phone use has had questionable and proven impact on T&L across the school
- Currently the use of phones is providing more disruption to learning than enhancement
- A recent study by London School of Economics (May 15) found school test scores increased by 6% and low achieving and low income students benefited the most.

September 2015 changes:

“That all mobile phone use to be prohibited on the school site, including all social times and class changeover. This applies to any electronic device brought in by students that is deemed to be obstructive and disruptive to teaching and learning. This may include phones I- pods, DS/Game consoles and smart watches. This does not include those students who require the use of electronic devices as an *essential* tool for their learning. Mobiles may be in school; however they must not be seen or heard.”

The Process:

If a student is caught using their phone:

- 1st time: Confiscated and placed in student office to be collected at the end of the day.
- 2nd time: Confiscated and parents are contacted and to remind them that the next confiscation will result in them having to pick it up. Students collect their phone from the student office at the end of the day.
- 3rd time: Confiscated and parents required to pick it up.
- 4th time: Confiscation, parents pick it up and students have an isolation for the day.
- 5th time: Confiscated, parents pick it up and students have either a FTI/FTE.
- School behaviour policy to be followed if the student refuses to hand the phone over and pastoral team to follow up if escalation is required.

If a student refuses to hand it over:

- 1st time = SLT detention
- 2nd time = Isolation
- 3rd time = FTE and parental meeting with AHT/DHT

- If a student chooses to bring a mobile phone to school then students and parents should be aware of the following point:

As with other expensive items, The Buckingham, School does not accept any responsibility for mobile phones brought onto the school site.