

CHESLYN HAY SPORT AND COMMUNITY HIGH SCHOOL

MANAGEMENT POLICY

Mobile Phones and ear phones

Over recent years there has been a huge culture shift regarding mobile phones, especially smart phones. They are used by the general public as a useful tool for much more than just making phone calls. A general ban in school is both near sighted and outdated and we believe that we should be preparing young people to use modern technology in a safe and responsible way.

Clearly any policy that includes approved use of mobile phones must be direct and precise. Also the abuse of this privilege must have clear direct consequences. A failure by a substantial number of students to adhere to this new policy will result in a return to a complete ban on mobile phones.

- Students cannot play music through speakers, take any photographs or video, leave their headphones hanging out from their shirt, or use the phone as a means of ignoring staff.
- Students should not use their phones or ear phones whilst walking along the corridors at any time of the day.
- **Phones must be switched off or on silent during lessons and be placed in school bags.**
- Mobile phones are not allowed to be used in the classroom unless at direct request of Staff. Staff will never give permission for students to listen to their own music in class (even through headphones). If mobile devices are required as a teaching/learning tool then the teacher will pre-book and use the school's resources or give permission for mobile phones to be used (this permission will only be for that actual single period and cannot be used as permission in other lessons).
- Students cannot use a mobile phone in an exam – even as a calculator (as per exam board regulations). Mobile phones are collected by exam invigilators prior to every public exam and are kept safely locked away until the exam finishes. Pupils must always hand their phone in during an exam or leave it at home.
- Students should NEVER take photos or film in or out of the classroom on a personal phone (it is a criminal offence and will be dealt with severely)
- Smart watches such as the Apple IWatch are not allowed in school, pupils wearing these will be asked to remove them and if they continue to wear them these will be confiscated and sent to reception to be collected at the end of the school day.
- If mobile phones/iPods or ear phones are seen by staff during lesson times they will be confiscated until the end of the school day. They will be placed in a confiscation envelope and sent to reception,
- Should it happen a second time they will be confiscated until the end of the week.
- If they should be seen using their phone/iPod on a third occasion they will lose the privilege of having a phone/iPod in school. Parents will then need to collect the phone from reception and the student will be issued with an SLT detention. ***If it is necessary to bring the phones in on health and safety grounds then the mobiles can be handed into reception at the start of the school day and collected from there at the end of the school day.***
- After the third incident this will be viewed as defiance as they should not be bringing their mobiles into school. If they are confiscated a fourth time this will result in a day in the isolation room and an SLT detention.
- A fifth time would result in a 1 day fixed term exclusion. **Should the student have their phone confiscated after the fifth time, the phone will be confiscated until the end of term.**
- If a student fails to hand over their phone to a member of staff when requested, this will result in them being placed in isolation for defiance.

Contact with parents/carers

- If a student is ill they MUST see the Head of Year or Assistant Head in charge of their key stage. The only way any arrangement with home can take place is through the school.
- Students cannot phone home from their mobile and arrange to go home.

- Neither should parents contact students directly to arrange to pick them up.

If at any point a student misuses their phone or refuses to follow the above rules, the member of staff can confiscate the phone. It will be placed in reception to be picked up by a parent/carer.

Disclaimer

Students are not required to have a mobile phone in school and we support parents who make the decision that this is not necessary by ensuring that students are able to use school landlines to contact parents in an emergency. Parents can, of course, contact school via the landline. This policy does, however, recognise that the majority of our students do own a mobile phone. Any pupil who brings a mobile phone into school does so at their own risk and school will not be held responsible for any loss or damage.

Lead SLT member: LPO

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