

Blackfen School for Girls



Mobile Device Policy

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The Governing Body of Blackfen School for Girls adopted this Policy on Mobile Device in July 2021.

Subject to change in the autumn term in accordance with government guidelines.

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Rationale:

Mobile devices are now part of modern society and the majority of students will now own a mobile device. We understand that for safety reasons students will carry a mobile device in order to contact parents/carers after school/before school; however, mobile devices can lead to several problems in school such as bullying, disruption to lessons and inappropriate web usage. As a school, we strongly encourage our students to talk to each other and develop friendship groups at break and lunchtime, as opposed to using their mobile devices. As a result, the use of mobile devices on school site is completely forbidden and students found using their mobile device on site will be dealt with in accordance with this policy.

Purpose

- To clarify the school position on mobile devices.
- To ensure that staff, students and parents are fully conversant with the policy and understand the reasons for the policy.
- To support our behaviour management policy, which aims for outstanding behaviour and safety of students across the school.
- To ensure that student welfare and safeguarding incidents associated with mobile devices are minimised.

Guidelines

Mobile devices must remain switched off while on school site. This includes break and lunchtimes. Any student seen using their mobile device on school site at any time will have their device confiscated. Devices must not be seen or heard.

- Confiscated devices must be taken to reception and labelled with the student's name.
- Students are allowed to collect the device at the end of the day.
- On the third occasion that a mobile device is confiscated in any one term it will need to be collected from the school office by an adult.
- After the school 'end of day' bell students are not allowed to use their device outside of the school building as they exit the site.
- Staff can allow students to use their mobile device as part of their learning in lesson.
- Students with diabetes can access their device for glucose readings.

Policies linked to this document include: Acceptable User Policy and the Behaviour Charter.