

Use of mobile phones by students

At Fullbrook School, we want our students to be fully focused on learning, interacting positively with others, and making the most of every school day. To support this, we have a strict no-use mobile phone policy throughout the school day.

This guide explains clearly when mobile phones are allowed, when they are not, and how we keep everyone safe and focused.



Bringing phones to School

Students may bring a mobile phone with them for personal safety when travelling to and from school. However, once on site, a strict set of expectations applies.



When phones **MUST** be switched off

Phones must be switched off and in bags (not in pockets or blazers) from the moment students enter the school grounds until 15:05, when they are dismissed from their final lesson.

This includes:

- Before school once on site (from 8:00am onward)
- All lessons
- Time between lessons
- Breaktime
- Lunchtime
- Movement around the school site

This also applies to:

- Smart watches
- Electronic devices
- Headphones / earbuds

These items must not be seen or heard at any time during the school day.



The school day defined

For clarity: The school day begins as soon as a student enters the school site and ends when they are dismissed at 15:05.



After school activities

Phones are also not permitted at after-school clubs, unless the supervising staff member has given explicit permission for their use.



At the end of the school day

Phones may be switched back on once the school day has officially ended and students have been dismissed.



Why this helps

We aim to:

- Reduce distractions
- Encourage positive social interaction
- Protect student wellbeing
- Promote responsible use of technology



Parent / Carer contact

Parents and Carers should only contact their child in the event of an emergency. In such cases, please telephone the school on 01932 349301. We kindly request that parents do not contact their child's mobile phone under any circumstances.

Year 7 & 8 - Mrs Clark

Year 9 & 10 - Mrs Mason

Year 11 - Miss Keyword.

Children who need to contact parents in an emergency should speak to Student Services who will make a phone available.



Sanctions

- Any child found using or known to have used their phone during the school day will have the phone confiscated and returned at the end of the school day via Student Services. Parents will be informed via the Classcharts app with a "Mobile Phone Confiscated" notification
- Any refusal to hand a phone over to members of staff will result in the parent/carer being expected to come into school to collect the mobile phone from their child
- If the child receives 2 mobile phone infringements, the school will retain the phone until a parent/carer can come in and collect the phone from the school before 4pm
- If the child receives 3 mobile phone infringements, the school will request a meeting with a parent/carer to resolve the issue. In unresolved cases, this will result in the student having to hand in their phone upon arrival every day.

Schools are permitted to confiscate phones from children under sections 91 and 94 of the [Education and Inspections Act 2006](#).