



RAINHILL HIGH SCHOOL

MOBILE PHONE POLICY



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1. Introduction and aims

At Rainhill High School we recognise that mobile phones, including smart phones, are an important part of everyday life for our students, parents and staff, as well as the wider school community.

Our policy aims to:

- Set clear guidelines for the use of mobile phones for students and staff

This policy also aims to address some of the challenges posed by mobile phones in school, such as:

- Risks to child protection
- Impact on mental health
- Over reliance on mobile technology
- Distractions that it can create
- Impact on learning in the classroom
- Reduced physical socialisation
- Risk of theft, loss, or damage

2. Roles and responsibilities

Staff

All staff (including teachers, support staff, and supply staff) are responsible for enforcing this policy.

Volunteers, or anyone else otherwise engaged by the school, must alert a member of staff if they witness, or are aware of, a breach of this policy.

The Deputy Headteacher for behaviour is responsible for monitoring the policy every year, reviewing it, and holding staff and students accountable for its implementation.

3. Use of mobile phones by students

- Mobile Phones must not be used **or be visible or heard** during the school day.
- Student will be allowed to use mobile phones before 8.50am and after 2.55pm.
- Phones must be switched off (not just put on 'silent').
- Students are not permitted to listen to music during the school day. Any device used to do so will be confiscated, along with the mobile phone that it is connected to.
- Mobile phones are not permitted in any internal or external exam or test environment. Bringing a phone into the test room can result in your exam being declared invalid.

Parents must use the school office as the first point of contact if they need to get in touch with their child during the school day. They must not try to contact their child on his/her personal mobile during the school day.

3.1 Sanctions

- Any student caught using a mobile phone will receive a 60 minute detention and the phone will be confiscated
- The phone will be returned to the student upon completion of the detention
- A Synergy behaviour entry will inform parents of the incident
- **3 mobile phone confiscations will result in a 90 minute SLT detention**

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

Schools also have power to search students' phones, as set out in the [DfE's guidance on searching, screening and confiscation](#). The DfE guidance allows you to search a pupil's phone if you have reason to believe the phone contains pornographic images, or if it is being/has been used to commit an offence or cause personal injury.

Certain types of conduct, bullying or harassment can be classified as criminal conduct. The school takes such conduct extremely seriously, and will involve the police or other agencies as appropriate.

Such conduct includes, but is not limited to:

- Sexting
- Threats of violence or assault
- Abusive calls, emails, social media posts or texts directed at someone on the basis of someone's ethnicity, religious beliefs or sexual orientation.

4. Use of mobile phones by staff

4.1 Personal mobile phones

Staff are expected to model expected behaviour and set a good example to the students at this school. Therefore, it is inappropriate for staff to make or receive calls, or send texts, while children are present/during contact time. Use of personal mobile phones is restricted to non-contact time, and to areas of the school where students are not present (such as the staff room).

There may be rare circumstances in which it is appropriate for a member of staff to have use of their phone during contact time. For instance:

- For emergency contact by their child, or their child's school
- In the case of acutely ill dependents or family members

5. Loss, theft or damage

Students must secure their phones as much as possible, including using passwords or pin codes to protect access to the phone's functions. Staff must also secure their personal phones, as well as any work phone provided to them. Failure by staff to do so could result in data breaches.

The school accepts no responsibility for mobile phones that are lost, damaged or stolen on school premises or transport, during school visits or trips, or while students are travelling to and from school.

The aforementioned has been communicated in the following ways

- Signs up around the school site
- Is detailed in the home-school agreement
- Available to view on the school website and Synergy.