

South Charnwood High School



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Dear Parents/Carers

I am writing to you to remind you of our policy regarding mobile phones in school. The policy has not changed and the rule is that mobile phones are not allowed **on the school site**. This includes waiting to leave the school i.e on the bus park, on the buses themselves (until they have left the school site), in reception and on the turning circle at the front of the school.

However, I am sure that many pupils do bring mobile phones into school, but these are kept in their bags and switched off and are only used in emergencies. Because of this respect for school rules, the phones are never seen or heard and there is no issue. I am also aware that many parents feel reassured by the fact that their child has a means of contacting them in an emergency on their way to or from school. We do not expect pupils to contact parents during school time using their mobile phone (in the case of illness, for example.) Systems and procedures are in place at the school to cater for any incident occurring during school hours.

I must also mention here that if a phone is brought into school and is damaged, lost or stolen then the school accepts no responsibility whatsoever.

However, recently we have noticed an increase in the use of mobile phones for recreational purposes, i.e. listening to music at break times and lunch times. This is actually in breach of school rules, as stated above and, therefore, phones have been confiscated. The present situation is that for a first offence the pupil's phone will be confiscated and returned at the end of the school day. For a second offence, the phone will be confiscated until the end of the school day and a lunchtime detention will be issued. For further repeat offences the phone will be confiscated and returned at the end of the day and an after-school detention will be issued.

I am aware that some pupils in Year 10 and 11 have used their phones for educational purposes during lessons. This seems to contradict our stance on mobile phones and I will be asking staff to justify the use of mobile phones in the classroom. The fact remains that even if some pupils have been allowed to use their phone under the supervision of a teacher in the controlled environment of a classroom for educational purposes, the use of a mobile phone during unsupervised recreational time remains forbidden.

Thanking you in anticipation of your support and understanding.

Yours sincerely

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