

NORTON CANES HIGH SCHOOL



Mobile Phones Policy Statement

Student Acceptable Use Agreement

There are many issues that relate to mobile phone use, or indeed possession, in school.

- φ Disturbance of lessons and loss of concentration in class.
- φ Worry at responsibility for an expensive item.
- φ Potential for theft.
- φ Potential bullying situations.
- φ Unwanted and uncontrolled photographs and video footage.
- φ The internet especially social media, including the hazards involving online issues such as bullying, grooming, child sexual exploitation, sexting and personal security.

We also accept that:

Parents / carers give their children mobile phones to protect them from everyday risks involving personal security and safety. However, we are also aware that mobile phone theft is becoming increasingly common.

There is increasing concern about children travelling alone on public transport or walking to school. It is acknowledged that providing a child with a mobile phone gives parents reassurance that they can contact their child if they need to speak to them urgently after or before school.

Procedure;

Except in emergency situations, no mobile phones are to be used by children on the school premises other than in the designated areas identified below;

*Children must keep their phones turned off, in their bags and out of sight.

*Phones may be used at break and lunchtime in the school foyer and outside within the agreed usage policy at all other times.

*Any phone found out during lesson time or non-designated areas will be confiscated, and held in the office available for collection at the end of the school day. Parents will be requested to collect the phone. If this happens more than once, a meeting will be set up with parents.

Still photographs or video must only be taken with a school device. All images and the processing of images must follow the school requirements detailed in the schools' media policy.

Students, their parents or carers must read and understand this policy.

The School takes no responsibility for loss or damage to any pupil's mobile phone or electronic device whilst on the school premises or whilst representing the school.