

# Mobile Phone and Electronic Devices Policy

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Hawarden High School's duty of care extends to the health, safety and wellbeing of pupils (including protecting them from theft of, or damage to, their personal property and protecting them from text and cyber-bullying) which means that our position on mobile phones and other electronic devices is very clear. **Mobile Phones and other associated electronic devices are strictly banned for use in school for all students in Years 7-11.** This extends to iPods, MP3 players, mobile speakers, smart watches, earphones and cameras.

If a student needs to contact a parent during the school day, one of the office telephones is made available. A student unilaterally contacting a parent without the school's knowledge is not permitted under any circumstances.

Whilst we understand that some parents would prefer their child to have a mobile phone for the purposes of safety when travelling to and from school, our strong preference is that all such devices are left at home. A member of staff within the school will not actively go looking for electronic devices, but any that are seen will be confiscated, the student will receive a standards card mark and the device will be stored securely by the school office. Parents will be required to collect the device or under special circumstances, and considered on an individual basis, they will be released to students following the receipt of a signed note by parents.

The strong line on the enforcement of this policy allows the classroom to be a place of learning and teaching and not one with distraction. Similarly, the social areas of the school will remain free from squabbles, disputes, jealousy over material goods, peer pressure and disagreements over personal possessions.

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