

# Mobile Devices Policy

September 2017

The school's policy re: mobile phones and other electronic devices will change from 1<sup>st</sup> September 2017. This is due to national issues arising from concerns over the abuse of so-called social media and its impact as well the clear link between mobile phone use and underachievement.

**All students are expected to have their mobile devices turned off and securely stowed away on their person during school hours.**

If a student deliberately chooses to use a mobile device in school at any time without permission then:

**The device will be confiscated for five days. The day of confiscation does not count towards this period. Confiscation will include the weekend.**

The student will be required to hand the phone over immediately after having turned it off. It will be confiscated and securely held for five days from the date of confiscation. The day of confiscation does not count towards this period. **This will obviously include the weekend.** It can be returned before then if the parent/carer/named responsible adult comes into school to collect it.

**Refusal to hand the phone over will result in an automatic three day fixed term exclusion which remains on the student permanent school record. Following return the student will be required to hand the mobile phone over to school for a full five day confiscation.**

Use of the phone to record images/post abusive messages on social media will result in a **more serious sanction** and may result in referral to the police.

The abuse of mobile phone technology is a threat to the privacy and safety of every member of the school community and as such are data protection and child protection issues.

Should a student wish to store a phone securely in school, s/he may do so by leaving it at reception by 8.45am and collecting it at 4.00pm.

The safety of every member of the school is our primary concern; a concern we share with every parent and carer.

Thank you for your support in this matter.

Full details of the school's policy can be found on the school website.