



WHOLE SCHOOL MOBILE PHONE USAGE POLICY

Overview

Mobile phones have become an integral part of modern society and they have no doubt transformed the way in which humans stay connected and also how we access the internet on a daily basis. Both adults and children can be connected 24 hours a day if they so desire, with mobile phones being used to instant message people, partake in social media, make phone calls, surf the web and play games.

However, as a school Bromsgrove believes that mobile phone usage by young people outside of academic lessons during each school day is detrimental to their wellbeing and character development as a whole. Young people also have trouble self-regulating their mobile phone usage and, if given total freedom, will choose to stay glued to their mobile phones at break and lunch times rather than to spend time talking to their friends, playing sports, attending a lunchtime club or reading/working in the library.

Therefore, the following Mobile Phone Usage Policy applies across the whole school:

1. Early Years Campus children (PN to Year 1) may NOT bring a mobile phone or any other electronic devices onto campus **at any time**.
2. Primary School children (Years 2 - 6) are recommended not to bring a mobile phone onto the Windsor Park Campus. However, if they do wish to bring a mobile phone to school they must NOT be used at *any time* between the hours of 07:00 and 15:30 and must be kept safely in their school bag at all times. Outside of these times, a mobile phone can ONLY be used to call a parent/guardian/driver regarding after-school transportation arrangements/collection etc.
3. For Secondary School students, students are permitted to bring a mobile phone onto the Windsor Park campus. However, a mobile phone may ONLY be used during academic lessons, as a tool for research/accessing the internet/Google Classroom, as and when given permission to do so by the teacher.
4. Mobile phones may NOT be used by any Secondary School students outside of lessons, around the campus in any area, at any time throughout the school day from 07:00 to 15:30, including at break, at lunchtimes and before/during ECAs.
5. Mobile phones will be confiscated by a member of staff if any student is seen using their phone not in line with the above policy – the student will need to collect their phone at the end of the school day from a senior member of the academic staff in the SIC office.

We recommend that if your child is in the Secondary School they bring in an iPad or a similar small tablet device *for use in lessons only*, rather than bringing a mobile phone to school each day.