

Mobile Phone Policy 2020



Students:

At Peak we recognise that many students own mobile devices such as Ipads, mobile phones, gaming consoles or MP3 players. However, such devices can be harmful within a classroom setting.

Mobile devices are not allowed in school at any time to ensure that our students are all able to focus on their learning/ activities without distraction and effectively safeguard all students in our care. This is aimed to prevent incidences of cyber-bullying; students accessing and sharing inappropriate material with others; confrontation during lessons and to support students using the internet in a safe and controlled way.

We would encourage students to leave mobile devices at home where they are safe. If a student brings a mobile phone into school, they will be expected to hand over to staff at the start of the day. The device will then be kept safe by the school staff and management team. This will happen as the student is collected if staff pick up from home. If a student is transported by taxi, then the student will hand the device to the staff when arriving at the school. The device will be locked away in a safe place until the end of the school day, when it will be returned to the student.

If the student does not adhere to this policy, then any mobile phone will be confiscated, and parents will be contacted. Further sanctions may be upheld as detailed in the school welfare, behaviour and safety policy.

Visitors:

As a matter of courtesy, all visitors (including parents, carers, contractors, etc...) should silence or switch off their phones when on the school premises.

We recognise that there will be occasions where visitors may need to communicate on their device, this should not be done in the vicinity of students.

Staff:

Staff are not permitted to have personal mobile devices on their person during the school day. Staff may have access to a work mobile phone or tablet. This is used to ensure student safety and to contact parents as necessary. They may also use to update Dojo, this may include sharing photographic images and videos with the parent or carer.