

Mobile Phones and Other Mobile Devices Policy



St John's College

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This policy applies to all three sections of the School: the Senior School, Junior School and EYFS (Infants). **Version: December 2017**

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Access to the Internet via personal devices offers considerable benefits to students in terms of opportunities for independent study and learning. We allow pupils to carry mobile devices on them throughout the school day, and they can also be taken on school trips or away fixtures.

However, there is also considerable potential for devices to be misused. Pupils are, therefore, asked to respect the following common sense rules:

- Devices may only be used in lessons with the teacher's consent.
- Devices are **not** to be used for games, personal communication or other recreational uses during the school day.
- Devices are to remain in school blazer pockets until pupils have left the school building at the end of the day.
- The School's Acceptable Use Policy applies to mobile devices. Pupils are expressly forbidden to record images or sound of any other member of the school community without their consent. Pupils are also warned of the dangers of sending offensive text and other messages.
- Any incidents of displaying inappropriate material will be dealt with according to the Behaviour, Reward and Sanction Policy.
- The School can take no responsibility for any loss or damage to a mobile device that occurs on site or during the school day.
- All communications between pupil and Parents **must** go through School Reception.
- If a pupil is found to be using their mobile, without permission from a member of staff, the phone will be confiscated and kept safely with Mrs Jones, Assistant Head, Pastoral, or Mrs Thompson, Head of Juniors. The phone will have to be collected at the end of the day by a Parent/Guardian. **In the event a pupil is found to be persistently abusing this policy, any and all permissions will be revoked.**
- 'Smart watches' are not allowed in school at any time. They pose a risk to abuse in tests and examinations, and present a range of risks regarding Child Protection. Any Smart Watch seen will be confiscated, and returned only to a parent, in person, at the School.