

Mobile Phone Policy

We recognise the benefits of players having access to their mobile phones when taking part in events (e.g. for taking photographs) and particularly for those trips which include elements of independent travel and free time.

In these instances, Team Leaders will collect pupil phone numbers so they can be in contact in case of emergency.

Players' experience should not be disrupted by the presence of mobile phones, and as such their usage will be restricted at the discretion of the Team Leader who reserves the right to confiscate a player's phone if it is being used inappropriately or when not permitted.

We reserve the right to search players' phones in specific circumstances, as set out in the DfE's guidance on searching, screening and confiscation. We may search a phone if there is a good reason to do so (such as having reason to believe the phone contains pornographic images, or if it is being/has been used to commit an offence or cause harm to another person).

If parents allow players to bring phones, parents take responsibility and liability for the loss or damage of the device. Parents need to be confident that when players bring mobile phones on a trip or to an event, players are aware of this policy, able to follow the rules and behave sensibly and responsibly to keep themselves and others safe and secure.

Players with a mobile phone must obey the following rules.

1. You must not use your mobile phone on transport or when instructed by a member of staff.
2. You must not disobey a request by a member of staff to switch off or hand over a phone.
3. You must not use your mobile phone in the toilets or changing rooms. This is to protect the privacy and welfare of other pupils.
4. You must not take photos or recordings (either video or audio) of staff or other pupils without their consent under any circumstances.
5. You must not share your contact details with people you don't know, nor share other people's contact details without their consent.
6. You must not share your phone's password(s) or access code(s) with anyone else.
7. You must not use your mobile phone to bully, intimidate or harass anyone.
8. You must not use your phone to send or receive anything that may be criminal.
9. Rules on bullying, harassment and intimidation apply to how you use your mobile phone
10. You must not use vulgar, obscene or derogatory language while on the phone
11. You must not use your phone to view or share inappropriate images including pornography or other harmful content.