



Isca Academy

Mobile Telephone Policy

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See it, hear it, take it!

- During the school day (8.00am-5pm) mobile phones are not allowed to be used in the school building or on the school grounds. You may have your phone with you. However, it must not be seen or heard or it will be confiscated. We would, therefore, suggest that you either leave it at home, or keep it in your bag (turned off/or on silent) from the moment you enter the school building. As mobile phones are not allowed during the school day, this means that headphones will not be needed and therefore should not be worn.
- The only exception to this is in lessons when teachers have the discretion to allow students to use their mobile phones to aid learning. This must be directed by the teacher only. This exception applies to the one occasion only, not every lesson with that teacher/in that subject. If phones are allowed, the teacher will display a 'Mobile Phone Zone' sign which will indicate that phones are allowed to be used and what the phones are allowed to be used for.
- If a mobile phone is confiscated, the phone will be taken to Reception. The student will be able to collect their phone at the end of the school day. If a student's phone is confiscated for a second time, then the student and their parent will need to collect the phone from the Headteacher at a mutually convenient time. Subsequent confiscations will result in sanctions that are more permanent and the phone being confiscated for a significantly longer period.
- If students need to complete Independent Study, they should use the IT suites or the library, which are open at break time and lunchtime.
- Mobile phones must not be used to contact parents/carers during the school day; any student using their phone at school will have their phone confiscated. If there is an emergency, students should speak to a member of staff at Reception to use the school phone, or to ask permission to use their own phone whilst at Reception.
- The school takes no responsibility for any damage to, or loss of, a mobile phone at any point.

Why are mobile phones not permitted in school?

- To ensure that students are kept safe whilst in school.
- To ensure that students are 100% focused on their learning and making excellent progress without any distractions.
- To stop the inappropriate use of mobile phones in school.
- To reduce the amount of time students spend on social media and smartphones, which has been proven to have a detrimental impact.
- To promote face to face communication and social interaction between the students.
- To reduce instances of online bullying in school.