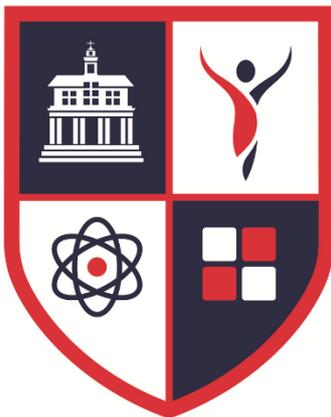




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Rationale:

Mobile phones are now a feature of modern society and most of our students own an electronic device of some format. Increasing sophistication of mobile phone technology presents a number of issues for schools:

- The high value of many phones
- The integration of cameras and internet browsing into phones, leading to potential child protection and data protection issues
- The potential to use the phone during learning time, e.g. for texting, whilst on silent mode
- The potential for phones to be used for bullying
- The impact of social media on students' mental wellbeing

At Childwall Sports and Science Academy it is our policy to allow students to have a mobile phone with them in school under the conditions outlined in the policy below.

Policy detail:

1. Mobile phones and other digital equipment must not be used for any purpose (e.g.: phoning, texting, surfing the internet, listening to music, taking photos, making videos) anywhere inside the school buildings at any time.
2. Individual teachers may allow students to use their phone for research purposes only, as an exceptional circumstance and at the classroom teacher's discretion. (For example; to find images for a Key Stage 4 or Key Stage 5 art lesson.)
3. Phones must be switched off (not on silent mode) at all times and kept out of view, preferably in a school bag. *Please note, students will be asked to switch off their phones as they enter the building at the start of the day before registration. Staff will check this on gate duty.
4. Mobile phones are not permitted to be used at break or lunch time. (Unless authorised and supervised by a member of staff in exceptional circumstances.)
5. Loud speakers must not be used at any time on the school site.
6. If a student breaches these rules the phone will be confiscated with immediate effect. Staff will ensure the phone is stored in a safe place until the end of the day. At the end of the day the student can collect their phone from the pastoral office. * Please note this will only happen once.
7. If the phone or device is seen again. It will be confiscated with immediate effect and will remain in school until collected from the student's pastoral leader by a parent/carer at a convenient time for both parties.
8. If a phone is seen repeatedly (More than 3 times) with the same student, the phone will be confiscated for collection by a parent/carer at a time agreed with a member of staff and a bespoke agreement for the use of mobile phone or device will be put in place.
9. Students who refuse to hand over their phones will be in serious breach of the behaviour policy and will be internally excluded from school for a day.
10. It is a national expectation that phones must not be taken into examinations.

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What do I do in case of emergencies?

We understand that personal circumstances can change and that there may be times when contact between home and school is required during the school day. If a student needs to contact their parents/carers, they will be allowed to use a school phone, or their mobile in a quiet room and under supervision. If parents need to contact children urgently, they should phone the school office and a message will be relayed promptly.

Who is responsible for mobile phones?

The school accepts no responsibility for theft, loss, damage or health effects (potential or actual) relating to mobile phones or other digital equipment in the possession of students. It is the responsibility of parents and students to ensure mobile phones and other digital equipment are properly looked after and insured if you choose to bring the device to school.

We thank you for your support and cooperation in this matter.

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