



MOBILE PHONES AT SCHOOL

What are the rules?

The Upper School rules state that ICT, including all portable electronic devices, must be used responsibly. It is forbidden for boys to store or send inappropriate or offensive material. Boys are not permitted to use mobile devices in the Dining Hall, and are not permitted to have headphones in their ears when on the school site. The school reserves the right to confiscate a phone if known or suspected to be used inappropriately.

Using phones responsibly means:

- Using them for legitimate reasons at school such as:
 - Phoning home
 - Checking emails
 - Accessing firefly
 - Keeping organised
- Not having phones out whilst walking round the school
- Not having phones out in classrooms unless given explicit permission by the teacher
- Not taking or sharing photographs of people without their permission
- Not playing games or being on social media
- Not sending or viewing anything inappropriate or that has the intention to hurt or demean others (cyber-bullying).

The school has an IT Network Use Policy which says no one may seek out, store or transmit material that might be deemed inappropriate or offensive. Viewing or downloading any material which the school believes is unsuitable, at any time, is strictly prohibited. Use of VPNs is not allowed. The school also has an Anti-bullying and Anti-Cyberbullying Policy that applies both in and out of school.

If you have any questions or concerns about anything happening online or on social media, always talk to your parents, Housemaster, teacher, tutor, or a trusted adult. You can also report to Child Exploitation and Online Protection command (CEOP) at www.ceop.police.uk/safety-centre