



# Allerton Grange School

## Mobile Phone Policy for Students

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# Mobile Phones/Smart Watches Policy for Students

With effect from **15 April 2019\***, the use of mobile phones will only be permitted OUTSIDE the school building during break and lunchtime. This protocol applies to mobile phones/headphones/smart watches and electronic devices.

Mobile phones/headphones/smart watches/electronic devices are brought into school at students' own risk and must be switched off before entering the school site. If any student is seen with a mobile phone or headphones, smart watch or electronic device inside the building, or if it is heard, it will be confiscated (along with the SIM card) for two school days.

The only exception to this rule is where a senior member of staff has given permission for a student to use their mobile phone. This would only apply in truly exceptional circumstances.

Confiscated items can be collected by a parent/carer or designated adult strictly between 3.00 and 4.00pm (3.00 to 3.45pm on a Friday). Parents should not attempt to collect equipment during the school day.

If a parent/carer cannot collect the confiscated item, they must contact their child's Progress and Welfare team to seek permission for an alternative named adult to collect.

If the confiscation falls on a Thursday, the item cannot be collected until the following Monday. Confiscations that occur on a Friday can be collected the following Tuesday.

When an item is confiscated on a Thursday/Friday, immediately prior to a school holiday, the item can be collected on the first day back at school, between 3.00 and 4.00pm.

Students refusing to hand their mobile phone/headphones/smart watch/electronic devices in for confiscation will serve a day in Isolation.

There may be times where a child has to use a mobile phone, without permission, for reasons of safeguarding or a highly personal nature. In these circumstances the confiscation of the mobile phone will be at the discretion of the Headteacher.

**NB:** Mobile phones/headphones/smart watches and electronic device use for Sixth Form students is restricted to the **common room only**. Failure to comply will also result in a two-day confiscation. Sixth Form students will be allowed to collect their own phone at the end of the confiscation.

**\* Please be aware that from September 2019, the use of mobile phones will not be permitted either inside or outside the school building.**