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# Mobile Technology Policy

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**The use of personal mobile phones, iPads or tablets are not permitted anywhere on the school premises during the school day.**

Students can bring mobile phones to school to allow communication with home on the journey to and from school, or to inform parents/carers when extra-curricular activities have finished.

Students who choose to bring their mobile phones to school must ensure that it is turned off and out of sight both during lessons and at social times. If a mobile phone is seen or used anywhere on the premises it will be confiscated and respective consequences for misuse will be applied. Armthorpe Academy does not accept responsibility for mobile phones or mobile technology through either loss or theft.

On the first occasion of confiscation, parents will be notified; a 60 minute after-school detention will be issued and the student will be allowed to collect the phone from the school office at the end of the day. If confiscated for a second time or thereafter, the phone must be collected by parents; to avoid crucial lost learning time, the student will be isolated at break and lunch times using the Academy's graduated response.

Inappropriate mobile phone use: Graduated response		
1 <sup>st</sup> misuse	60 minute after school detention	Parent informed. Student to collect from Student Services at the end of the day
2 <sup>nd</sup> misuse	3 days break and lunch time detention	Parent to collect
3 <sup>rd</sup> misuse	5 days break and lunch time detention	Parental meeting with respective pastoral lead
4 <sup>th</sup> misuse	10 days break and lunch time detention. Phone handed in each day to student services.	Parental meeting with SLT link
5 <sup>th</sup> misuse	Phone not permitted in school	Parental meeting with the Headteacher

Students should also note that the viewing or sharing of offensive materials or verbally abusing, bullying, or inciting alarm or distress towards any student or member of staff via mobile technology or other devices is liable to result in police intervention. Refusal to hand a mobile device to a member of staff is gross defiance and therefore will result in a day of Reflection in Isolation.

Smart watches are permitted to be used as a 'normal' watch whilst in school. They should not be used to either send or receive messages, and as such, the same graduated response as above will apply.

Earphones or ear buds used in conjunction with mobile technology should be out of sight whilst on the school premises.

If it is necessary for a student to contact home during the school day, or indeed for a parent/carer to contact their child, communication should be made through Reception and Student Services