



## **MOBILE PHONE & OTHER ELECTRONIC DEVICES**

Acceptable usage policy at Stonehenge School

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The Stonehenge School accepts that students will bring phones to school and that phones and tablets can be used to enhance learning.

The rules on phones and tablets are

- The school can accept no responsibility for loss, damage or theft.(although we will co-operate fully with the police in the event of theft)
- Mobile phones and devices should be handed in as valuables during PE lessons.
- Mobile phones and devices are strictly prohibited in all examinations.
- The use of phones/devices is forbidden in lesson time unless the teacher allows the use as part of the lesson (ie to record a speech/screenshot a mindmap/use as part of a music lesson)
- Any student using a phone in class without permission will have it confiscated and placed in the school safe. Parents and Carers will be informed by the office and the phone will only be returned to an adult.
- Responsible phone use is allowed at break and lunchtime only. Students should not use them whilst walking between lessons. Students may not wear headphones whilst walking between lessons.
- Students using phones/devices at social time are expected to use them responsibly. Hurtful, unpleasant or obscene remarks on social media will be viewed as Cyberbullying and dealt with accordingly. Cyberbullying is an offence and we reserve the right to involve the Police if necessary.
- Students may not bring offensive or obscene material into school on their phones/devices. This includes songs with offensive lyrics.
- Students are never permitted to photograph a teacher, or take anyone's picture in school without their permission. They may only use photographs taken in school with the full knowledge and consent of all in the picture.
- Students must never use phones/devices to access any materials relating to extremist organisations or any site associated with radicalisation.
- Students have, at all times a responsibility to keep themselves safe. They must not post anything online that might place them or another student at risk.

If this policy leads to incidents of bullying, or to disruption of learning, the school will review it and consider other options which may include a total ban on phones.