

Hillside High School

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Mobile Devices Policy July 2022

School:	Hillside High School
School Link:	Mike Edwards
Date of Governing Body Review:	14 th July 2022
Next Review Due:	July 2024
Signed:	
Chair:	Mr Mike Cunliffe
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Introduction:

The purpose of this policy is to ensure that the use of mobile phones and other such devices by pupils do not impact negatively on standards around school.

Purpose:

Hillside High School accepts that parents/guardians give their children mobile phones to protect them from everyday risks involving personal security and safety on the way to and from school.

The decision to provide a mobile phone for their children is made by parents with a full understanding and acceptance of this policy.

It is the responsibility of pupils who choose to bring mobile phones onto school premises to adhere to the guidelines outlined in this document.

Parents/guardians are reminded that in cases of emergency, the school office remains the appropriate point of contact and can ensure that your child is reached quickly, and assisted in any appropriate way.

Parents should not contact their children during the school day via mobile phones. Similarly, it is not acceptable for pupils to contact parents during the school day via mobile phones. The school office remains the first point of communication between school and home

Theft or damage

Pupils who bring a mobile phone onto school premises should keep it in their school bag. During lessons where it is necessary to leave the phone elsewhere, it may be handed to a teacher. Mobile phones should not be left in unattended bags.

The school accepts no responsibility for replacing mobile phones that are lost, stolen or damaged whilst on school premises, during school events or whilst attending educational visits

The school accepts no responsibility for pupils who lose or have their mobile phones stolen while travelling to and from school.

It is strongly advised that pupils use passwords/pin numbers to ensure that unauthorised phone calls cannot be made on their phones (e.g. by other pupils, or if stolen). Pupils must keep their password/pin numbers confidential. Mobile phones and/or passwords must not be shared

Rules – as contained in the Pupil Handbook

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Inappropriate conduct

Any pupil who uses a mobile device to bully or intimidate any pupil or member of staff will be subject to the school's Anti-Bullying and Behaviour for Learning Policies.

Where necessary, the school will work with the police to investigate and resolve serious incidents of inappropriate conduct.

Incidents of disruption in the classroom caused by the use of mobile devices will be subject to sanctions in line with the Behaviour for Learning Policy.

Any inappropriate content found on social networking, blog or video websites will be removed via the host site and where appropriate used as evidence by the school and any relevant authorities.