



Sixth Form Mobile Phone & Accessories Policy

A privilege of Sixth Form at the Warriner School is that you are entitled to bring a mobile phone to school. We appreciate these are an important element of people's lives in the modern age and can play a positive role in learning when used appropriately.

We know you will understand your responsibility as a role model to younger students who do not have this privilege and accept the policy outlined below:

- Mobile phones may only be used in the Sixth Form building.
- Mobile phones must be switched off in lessons and should not be used in public areas, for example, where they are visible to other students, at any time during the school day.
- If you are seen using your phone by a member of staff outside the clearly designated areas or in a way that is deemed to be inappropriate, the phone will be confiscated and should be collected from the Head of Sixth Form office at the end of the day.
- Refusal to hand over your phone to any member of staff will be considered a Serious Incident and sanctioned accordingly.
- The school recognises the importance of emerging technologies present in modern mobile phones, for example, camera and video recording, internet access, MP3 and MP4 playback, blogging etc. Some teachers may wish to utilise these functions to aid teaching and learning and students may have the opportunity to use their mobile phones in the classroom. On these occasions students may use their mobile phones in the classroom when express permission has been given by the teacher. The use of personal mobile phones in one lesson for a specific purpose does not mean blanket usage is then acceptable.

The above conditions apply to any additional electronic accessories i.e. earphones, headphones, etc.

Unless express permission is granted, mobile phones should not be used to make calls, send SMS messages, surf the internet, take photos or use any other application during the school day.

This Sixth Form Mobile Phone & Accessories Policy strikes a clear balance between giving you the added level of responsibility and privilege which prepares you for life beyond school whilst maintaining our position as role models to the younger year groups.

I agree to adhere to the Warriner School Sixth Form Mobile Phone Policy at all times.

Print name:

Signature:

Date:

Sanctions

Sanctions may be imposed on students who use their mobile phone without consideration for others and/ or in breach of this Policy.

- If a mobile phone is seen around school by a member of staff that member of staff will be required to confiscate the phone until the end of the school day.
- If a student's phone sounds in a lesson or is used for messaging/texting the student will be required to hand the phone to the teacher and this will then be confiscated for 24 hours for the first infringement of this policy. A record will be made of the incident and a letter sent to the parent/carer/guardian.
- For any subsequent infringement, the mobile phone will be confiscated for a period of one week. Parents will be required to collect the phone at the end of the period of confiscation.
- Any student who refuses to hand over a mobile phone when requested to do so will be referred to the Head of Sixth Form and the refusal will be treated as a disciplinary matter.

Inappropriate conduct

The School will not tolerate any illegal use of mobile phones and will always report illegal activity to the police and local agencies, as appropriate.

Mobile phones are banned from all examinations. Sixth form students are expected to hand phones to invigilators before entering the exam hall. Any student found in possession of a mobile phone during an examination will have that paper disqualified. Such an incident may result in all other examination papers being disqualified.

It is forbidden to record photographic images (still or video) or sound recordings of staff or students at any time without their explicit permission.

Using mobile phones to bully and threaten other students is unacceptable. Cyber bullying will not be tolerated. In some cases it can constitute criminal behaviour. If the use of technology humiliates, embarrasses or causes offence it is unacceptable regardless of whether 'consent' was given. Similarly, using mobile phones to photograph or film any student or member of staff without their consent will also result in sanctions. Please see the School's E-safety Policy for further details.

Any student who uses vulgar, derogatory, or obscene language while using a mobile phone will face disciplinary action.

Students with mobile phones may not engage in personal attacks, harass another person, or post private information about another person using SMS messages, taking/sending photos or objectionable images, and phone calls. Students using mobile phones to bully other students will face disciplinary action.

It is a criminal offence to use a mobile phone to menace, harass or offend another person and the school may consider it appropriate to involve the police.

Students must ensure that files stored on their phones do not contain violent, degrading, racist or pornographic images. The transmission of such images is a criminal offence. Similarly, 'sexting' – which is the sending of personal sexual imagery - is also a criminal offence.