

No Mobile Phone Policy for REACH Learning Provision

Objective

To create a focused, distraction-free learning environment where students can fully engage with their education and development.

Purpose

This policy ensures that mobile phone use does not disrupt the educational process or compromise the safety, privacy, and well-being of students and staff at REACH Learning Provision. It is designed to help students stay focused on their learning and promote positive interactions within the provision.

Policy Overview

No Mobile Phone Usage:

- Students are not permitted to use mobile phones whilst in the provision. This includes all areas within the provision premises, including classrooms, corridors and the dining hall.

Storage of Mobile Phones:

- Before the first lesson starts, students will be required to switch off or silence their mobile phones and hand them to a designated staff member.
- Phones will be securely stored in a locked area and returned to students at the end of the school day.

Emergency Contact:

- Students may contact their parents or guardians through the office during the day if needed.
 - Parents and guardians can also contact the office in an emergency, and messages will be relayed to students promptly.
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Consequences for Non-Compliance

- If a student is asked to hand in their mobile phones before the first lesson and refuses, they will be placed in the reflection room.
 - After being in the reflection room, the student will be asked again to hand in their mobile phone.
 - If the student still refuses to hand in their phones, we will have no choice but to ask them to leave the provision for the day. A Behaviour Mentor will contact parents to explain the situation and work with you to resolve the issue.
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Exceptions

Educational Purposes:

- On rare occasions, teachers may allow the use of mobile phones for specific educational activities. This exception will be clearly communicated to students beforehand.

Staff and Visitor Guidelines:

- Staff are expected to set an example by limiting their mobile phone use during school hours to essential communication only, preferably during breaks or non-teaching times.
 - All visitors to REACH Learning Provision are requested to switch off their mobile phones or set them to silent mode upon entering the building and where possible, phone calls should be taken outside of the provision building away from students.
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Implementation and Review

Communication of the Policy:

The No-Mobile-Phone Policy will be communicated to all students, parents, and staff at the start of each academic year and during student orientation.

Ongoing Monitoring:

The effectiveness of the policy will be monitored by staff, with feedback gathered from students, parents, and staff members. Adjustments to the policy will be made as necessary.

Annual Review:

The policy will be reviewed annually to ensure it continues to meet the needs of the provision and supports the educational goals of REACH Learning Provision.

Conclusion

During the last academic year, we tried the option taking phones away for lessons and letting the students have them for break and lunch. This proved to be an inconsistent routine and would cause more distraction within the provision.

Please see the link below referancing the most recent Government guidance on mobile phones

https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/media/65cf5f2a4239310011b7b916/Mobile_phones_in_schools_guidance.pdf

The No Mobile Phone Policy at REACH Learning Provision is designed to create a positive learning environment where students can concentrate on their education without the distractions of mobile phones. By adhering to this policy, students will develop better focus, stronger social interactions, and a deeper engagement in their learning experiences.