



STUDENT MOBILE PHONE POLICY

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Policy Objectives

This policy aims to make clear the acceptable use of mobile phones and other devices capable of taking photographs, sending message, making voice calls and accessing the internet during the school day or on school trips.

Introduction

The majority of Prep School pupils do not need to bring mobile phones to school.

Boys at Rokeby have access to a telephone in school if necessary and can also ask the school office staff to make a phone call for them if need be. The school recognises that a pupil may have an urgent need to contact a member of their family, but this does not justify pupils using their own mobile phones.

Mobile Phones in the School

We do not allow pupils to have a mobile phone in school lessons during the school day. Mobile phones in school could easily be lost, broken, stolen or abused.

We do allow older pupils who take part in any **independent travel** to bring a phone into school, however pupils need to apply for permission (via the Headmaster's PA) to bring a phone to school and these phones need to be **deposited with the school office** during the school day.

If this privilege is abused the school reserves the right to stop the pupil from bringing the phone to school.

The school is not responsible for the loss of, or damage to, any mobile phone brought into school.

Trips

Mobile phones are never permitted on school trips. If a boy needs to contact home, he will be permitted to use a staff/school phone.