



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, including smartwatches. By the term digital device, we mean any device capable of taking photographs, sending messages, 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 or digital devices 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 and digital devices in the school

We do not allow pupils to have a mobile phone or other personal digital devices in school lessons during the school day. Mobile phones or personal digital devices in school pose a safeguarding risk; they could easily be lost, broken, stolen or abused.

We do allow pupils in Years 6,7 & 8 who take part in any independent travel on a given day to bring a phone or smartwatch into school on that day; however, parents need to apply for permission from the headmaster via the [Independent travel and mobile phone permission 2023-24](#) form on Firefly.

If a boy is travelling independently for part of his journey on a given day and has permission granted by the headmaster, he may bring a phone or smartwatch to school on that day, however, these need to be deposited with the school office during the school day.

We do not allow the use of any digital device on any school transport. If a boy does use a device on school transport it will be confiscated, and an appropriate sanction applied. If a boy uses

this device on school transport repeatedly, his permission to bring a digital device to school will be revoked.

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 in an emergency, he will be permitted to use a school phone.