

Swanwick School & Sports College

Pupil Mobile Device Policy

Context

SSSC operates in a world where young people have access from a very early age to powerful mobile devices. With these devices young people are able to listen to music, make telephone calls, text, video calls, access the internet and social media applications. As a school SSSC suggests that pupils keep their mobile phones and other devices at home. However we are aware that some young people bring their phones into school and specific strategies have been put in place to allow a safe and healthy environment within the school hours.

As a school we need to educate our young people on the appropriate use of mobile devices, in conjunction with everyone's entitlement to privacy.

Response

- The open use of mobile devices are prohibited on entering the school premises, during lesson time, outside or during change over time including bus rooms.
- The only exemption to this rule is if during a lesson, permission is given by a member of staff for specific learning purposes.
- Instead SSSC will allocate a room at lunch and break time for pupils to listen to their music and use age appropriate applications.
- If pupils wish to listen to music during these allocated times headphone must be worn.
- Pupils should ensure the device is switched off at all other times unless permission is sought by parents and carers for specific reasons.
- Pupils will not be allowed to access social media sites within school premises.
- Pupils will not be allowed to send or receive texts.
- Pupils will not be allowed to take record or take photographs of any other member of the school community.

Sanctions for Inappropriate Use

- If a young person does not follow these instructions then they will receive one warning.(Yellow Media Warning.)
- If a young person does not heed the "Yellow Warning" then parents and carers will be informed and the mobile device will not be allowed on school premises the following day.
- If a young person continues to ignore the policy then a "Red Media Warning" will be issued. This means the mobile device is banned for five school days.
- If a "Red Media Warning" is issued and the young person ignores this sanction the phone will be confiscated and it will be the responsibility of the parents to collect the mobile phone device from school.
- If the young person refuses to hand in a mobile device that has been used inappropriately or after the young person has received a "Red Media Warning" their parents and carers will be called to remove the device from school premises immediately.
- The young person will then be prohibited from bringing their mobile device back into school for a set period of no shorter than 4 weeks.

Pupils will accept the terms and conditions of the use of Mobile Devices within the school premises and actively learn about safety and privacy when doing so.

SSSC will take responsibility for teaching young people to safely use their mobile devices through the ICT curriculum.

Parents and Carers will support this policy by accepting the sanctions for inappropriate use or making their own decision to not allow their child to take a mobile device into school.

To ensure the mobile device policy is adhered to we required the support of each student's Parents/Carers. Please sign the slip below to confirm that you have received a copy of the school Mobile Device Policy and will support the school in implementing this policy.

SWANWICK SCHOOL AND SPORTS COLLEGE
PUPIL MOBILE DEVICE POLICY.

Students Name:-

I confirm that I have received a copy of the school Mobile Devise Policy and will support the school in implementing this policy.

Signed.....Parent/Carers Date.....

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