

Evesham High School

MOBILE PHONES

Although increasingly common in everyday life mobile phones can be an intrusion and distraction in lessons. They should not be brought into school for social reasons: abuse of mobile phones or pagers can cause problems out of lessons and will not be tolerated in lessons. Furthermore, the government have urged schools to ban students from bringing mobile phones into schools.

The points below should clarify the school's policy on mobile phones:

- 1 If you believe that your son/daughter needs to bring a mobile phone to school purely to contact you in an emergency **and for no other reason**, please write a letter to that effect to the school.
- 2 Mobile phones must be switched off during school sessions and should not be used in school buildings.
- 3 Any student found using a mobile phone in school without a letter of authorisation from parents or guardians will have the phone confiscated and stored in the School Office. Parents will be informed of this breach of school policy.
- 4 Any student found using a mobile phone in lessons will have the phone confiscated and stored in the School Office and parents will be notified of this breach of school policy.
- 5 Persistent breaches of this school rule will lead to longer periods of confiscation and further disciplinary measures.
- 6 The school accepts no responsibility for loss or damage to mobile phones.
- 7 Parents are requested to collect confiscated mobile phones from the School Office in person.

We believe that this policy strikes an appropriate balance between the welfare of your child and the importance of teaching and learning without distraction in the classroom.

PHOTOGRAPHY/FILMING IN SCHOOL

During the course of the school year photographs or video footage of your child(ren) may be taken by the school, the LEA or the press with official school permission. The purposes of this may vary. Examples are video analysis to improve pupil performance in PE, for use in promotional material about the school, for internal school notice boards, for official videos of school events, for newspaper coverage of school events/achievement, for use on the school website and for the purpose of the standard school photographs of pupils/classes.

Where your child would be identifiable from the images, you have the right to request that your child is not so recorded. Therefore, if at the start of the year or at any particular point during the year you feel that you do not wish your child to be photographed or videoed for any of the above purposes, please will you let the school know, so that steps can be taken to ensure that your wishes are respected. Please note that, in relation to some events, a consequence of not including your child in photography may be that they are not easily able to take part in the event itself. This is something that the school would discuss with you if it arose.

Please note that unless we hear from you to the effect that you do not want your child to be photographed for these purposes, we will assume that you are content for such photography/filming to take place.

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