



THE KING'S SCHOOL

GRANTHAM

Mobile Phones and Personal Portable Electronic Devices

Mobile phones are a useful tool, especially where the issue of safety during the journey to and from school is concerned and the school acknowledges that parents and students would want them to be available to achieve this. However, teachers and students have a right to teach and learn in a school environment which is free from interruption by mobile phones and other such devices.

Mobile phones in schools present a number of challenges. These include:

- Mobile phones interrupting lessons and disrupting the learning of others;
- Possible theft of mobile phones;
- Requirements from public examination boards regarding mobile phones in examination rooms;
- The possibility of inappropriate use;
- The need for students to be responsible with regard to the care of their possessions.

Failure to follow this policy by students will be dealt with under the Behaviour for Learning Policy.

Policy

Parents are reminded that urgent messages can be transmitted by both students and parents via the school office.

If parents choose to permit their sons to bring a mobile phone to school, the following rules apply:

- The school accepts no responsibility for mobile phones and undertakes no responsibility to investigate misplacement, loss or theft.
- Mobile phones may not be used at any time during the school day on the school premises. Parents needing to contact students can do so by calling the school office.
- Mobile phones must be switched off and out of sight at all times. If a phone rings or is seen by a member of staff, or if inappropriate use is made of the phone, it will be confiscated. Students are required to explain this to parents and the phone will only be returned to parents.
- Mobile phones which have a calculator, music or camera facility may only be used in class following express instruction to do so from the class teacher concerned.
- Sixth Form students are only allowed to use mobile phones in the Sixth Form Centre (SFC).
- Mobile phones must not be brought into school by students on days when they have public examinations, in order to comply with the strict rules from the examination boards that such devices must not be taken into examination rooms.

Smart Watches Policy

The school accepts no responsibility for smart watches and undertakes no responsibility to investigate misplacement, loss or theft.

Smart watches may not be used at any time during the school day on the school premises.

If a smart watch rings or is seen by a member of staff it will be confiscated. Students are required to explain this to parents and the watch will only be returned to parents.

Smart watches are banned from all public examinations.

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Personal Portable Electronic Devices

The school is concerned over the safety of students using these devices as they travel to and from school. However, whilst most students do not need to bring such equipment into school each day, the school accepts that in some subject areas staff may feel that music is conducive to the work produced and would want to give students the option to listen to music. It is for this reason that the following policy is applied:

Students are discouraged from bringing such devices into school, especially on days when they have PE.

If parents permit their sons to bring these devices into school, the following rules apply:

- The school accepts no responsibility for these and undertakes no responsibility to investigate misplacement, loss or theft.
- Wires, ear pieces etc must remain out of sight and not in any way affect appearance or school uniform.
- Use in class, the Library or any other area of the school during lesson time is at the discretion of the individual member of staff. They must not be used in corridors or stairwells whilst students are moving between lessons nor should they be used in any part of the school at break or lunch.
- Failure to adhere to the instructions regarding appearance will result in confiscation. Students will have to explain this to parents and the device will only be returned to parents.
- MP3 players and other electronic devices must not be brought into school by students on days when they have public examinations, in order to comply with the strict rules from the examination boards pertaining to electronic devices.

Insurance

Parents are reminded to ensure that they have adequate insurance for their son's possessions.