



Avanti House School
Mobile Phone & other Electronic Devices – Policy

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For the purpose of this policy, the electronic devices covered are mobile phones, tablets, e-readers and any wearable technology, including smart watches, which connect to the Internet without the use of a mobile phone.

At Avanti House School we understand the importance of students carrying a mobile phone during their journey to and from school. Parents need to know that their children are safe and able to contact someone during an emergency.

It is the recommendation of the school that if a student requires a mobile phone for contacting parents/guardians then they should purchase a non-Smart device with a value of less than £25.

Whilst children are in school it is imperative that mobile phones and other electronic devices do not hinder the learning environment. Therefore the expectation is that:

- Before students enter the school gate, their electronic devices must be turned off. It is not acceptable for devices merely to be put on silent mode.
- Once the students are in school their electronic devices must be stored in their bags.
- The security of the phone will remain the student's responsibility throughout the school day. The School will endeavour to maintain a secure environment at all times, however by bringing their phone or other devices onto School premises the student accepts that this is entirely at their own risk and that the School cannot be liable in the event of any loss, damage or theft that results.
- CCTV has been installed across the school building.
- Electronic devices are not to be used in lessons. If the learning requires students to carry out research then the teacher should book a computer room.
- If an electronic device is seen by a member of staff, during the school day, then the student will be issued a C3 detention (1-hour after school). The device will be confiscated immediately by the member of staff and taken to reception, at the first suitable opportunity, where it will be held securely. The phone will be returned at the end of the week.
- If a student breaches this policy, resulting in their device being confiscated, they must accept that whilst the School will take reasonable steps to ensure the item is held securely, it cannot absolutely guarantee the security of the item and that the School cannot be liable for any consequential loss or damage to the device.
- The member of staff who confiscates the phone must log the C3 detention. The parent will receive an email via Arbor to advise them of the detention.