

# Mark Rutherford School



## Mobile Phone Policy

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# MOBILE DEVICES

“Mobile devices” includes mobile phones, tablets, smart watches and ear phones. The list of mobile devices is not exhaustive and the school reserves the right to confiscate items that are deemed to be inappropriate.

The school’s policy is that mobile phones are not permitted. We understand students may need to have a mobile phone for their journey to and from school, therefore, we have measures for students to hand in phones to be stored securely. All such equipment, including air-pods, **must be switched off during the school day** and be **handed in to the Form Tutor at the start of the school day**. Your child will leave their phone with their Form Tutor in the morning and it will be kept in the classroom safe until collection at the end of the school day. Each student will be given a named plastic zipped wallet which will be placed in the classrooms safe. The school takes no responsibility for mobile telephones or other electronic equipment. Should a student need to access a telephone in an emergency they may use the telephone in Student Reception or ask their House Office.

Musicians (who start their day earlier) and students who have sports fixtures on the day (who leave school earlier), will hand their phone in to the Main Reception until the end of the day.

Students who arrive late to school must hand in their phone in the Main Reception.

If students are on a school trip, they may take a mobile phone, but this is for emergencies only.

All phones are insured by your own insurance policy as they will not be covered by the school’s personal effects insurance.

Should a parent/carer need to contact their child they should contact the main office on 01234 290200:

If a student refuses to hand over their mobile device or is caught with a phone we will sanction accordingly.

The exception to the above will be Year 12 and 13 who are permitted to use mobile phones for study in the Sixth Form area.