



Clarendon Academy Headteacher's Communication

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| Mobile Phone Use at Clarendon Academy | |
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Mobile Phone use at Clarendon Academy



Dear Parents and Carers,

At Clarendon we have a policy of controlled tolerance in relation to the use of mobile phones by students. This policy was put in place seven years ago. Across the country an increasing number of schools are moving to a complete ban on phones in schools due to the distraction they cause. We have debated at school leadership level whether this is the correct approach at Clarendon. Our decision is not to ban phones, but to introduce a stricter policy as follows:

- 1 – Any phone used in class will be confiscated unless there has been specific allowance of use by the teacher in relation to the lesson. There will be zero tolerance of any student found looking at messages or attempting to send them. The phones will be sent to the Headteacher. Parents will have to collect the phone from the Headteacher or Assistant Headteachers only.
- 2 – Phones can only be used, safely and responsibly, at breaks and lunchtimes. They cannot be used when moving between lessons. Confiscation will occur if this happens.
- 3 – Phones must always be used safely and responsibly. If a phone has been used in any way to cause harm, disruption or to endanger safety then that student will be banned completely from having a phone in school and be subject to the appropriate consequences as determined by our Behaviour Policy.

All students will sign a copy of this policy in tutor time tomorrow. **As such, it is a license for being able to have a phone in school.** If the policy is not adhered to then the license will be revoked.

Yours sincerely,

Mr M Stenton
Headteacher

Student Signature: _____

Name: _____

Tutor Group: _____