



THE AQUILA SCHOOL

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A guide to- Mobile phones

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Our core purpose is to provide amazing learning to pupils so they make as much progress as possible. Therefore, mobile phones are not allowed in school as they are a distraction to learning and a potential safeguarding issue if used irresponsibly. Families can contact the school through email and calling reception in the case of emergency and if a child ever needs to speak to their family this can be done with the presence of a member of staff.

Mobile phones - FS and primary

FS and primary children should not have mobile phones in school.

Secondary pupils

Secondary pupils may have a mobile phone switched off and placed at the bottom of their bag. Pupils may use a phone once they reach secondary reception at the end of the school day. Apart from secondary reception, mobile phones should not be seen or heard in secondary school under any circumstances.

The same rules apply to air-pods as to mobile phones - pupils in year 7 - 11 should not have air-pods visible around school. If they do, they will be confiscated and follow the same procedure.

Pupils may use a phone on the school bus in a responsible way. For example, listening to music or playing a game. Taking photographs or videos, making calls or sending messages are not allowed (with the exception of pupils notifying a relative of the estimated time of arrival or present location) and will lead to a meeting with the family and the Head of Secondary.

If a phone is seen or heard - apart from in reception at the end of the day - the phone will be confiscated. An adult must then collect their phone from Ms Reeves in secondary reception at the end of the **next day**. (Phones confiscated on a Friday will be returned at the end of Monday.)

Sixth form pupils are allowed to use their mobile phones in the sixth form area and at special school events.

The school is not responsible in the event of damage to or loss of a phone or other items pupils choose to bring in.

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