

Personal Mobile Electronic Devices Behaviour Policy – September 2026

The academy operates a phone locker pouch system for students in Year 7 to 13 in order to maintain a safe, focused and disruption-free learning environment.

Sixth Form students are expected to have personal mobile electronic devices in pouches, however, these devices may be accessed during supervised study periods. Phones will be confiscated if seen.

Students may only bring a mobile phone or smart watch onto the academy site if the device is secured inside the phone locker pouch. Devices must be switched off before entering the academy site and must remain locked inside the pouch for the duration of the school day, including breaktimes, lunchtimes, lesson changeovers and any before or after-school activities.

Devices must not be removed from the pouch unless authorised by a member of staff.

Where a mobile phone is required to support a student's medical need to monitor, control, or track a medical device, the academy will consider reasonable adjustments through an alternative pouch, or an agreed access arrangement may be implemented, where necessary. Such decisions will be made on a case-by-case basis, in consultation with parents/carers and, where appropriate, healthcare professionals, and will require supporting medical evidence.

Other personal electronic devices, including (but not limited to) tablets, laptops, MP3 players, or similar smart technology, must not be brought onto the academy site unless specifically authorised.

A device may be confiscated if a student fails to comply with this policy or where there is reasonable suspicion that the device has been, or may be, used to cause harm, disrupt learning, or breach school rules or the law.

In accordance with the Behaviour and Discipline Policy, authorised staff may search a device in accordance with statutory powers and relevant Department for Education (DfE) guidance.

Sanctions

If a student is seen with a personal mobile electronic device in the academy that is not in a secured pouch:

- The personal mobile electronic device will be confiscated for a minimum of 48 hours. Parents/carers will be notified.
- If the student does not hand over their personal mobile electronic device straight away, or argues with the member of staff, it will be confiscated for a longer period.
- Personal mobile electronic devices confiscated in this way will not be returned to students.

A SLT detention of 1.5 hours will be sanctioned

Persistent breaches of the policy

Each confiscation will be logged on Arbor (the academy's database system) and repeated breaking of this academy rule will constitute **continued and persistent breaking of academy rules** and be subject to further sanctions in accordance with the Behaviour and Discipline Policy. Parents/carers will be expected to collect the personal mobile electronic devices from the academy.