

Brine Leas School

An Academy

Use of Mobile Devices Policy

Brine Leas School recognises that parents may wish their children to have mobile devices for use in case of emergency. However, mobile devicesⁱ can be used inappropriately and are potentially targets for theft and bullying.

The Governing Body acknowledges that mobile devices are part of everyday life. At the same time there is recognition that inappropriate usage can hinder teaching and learning and also cause disciplinary issues.

Mobile devices must not be used on site during the school day. If a parent needs to contact their child in an emergency, they should phone the school directly and staff will contact the student as soon as possible.

All contact with students during the day must be done directly through the school and not via the student's mobile phone.

Personal music players are not to be used during the school day.

Any student found using a mobile device during the school day will:-

- Have the item confiscated and it will be placed in a named envelope in a safe place in the school office and should be collected at the end of the school day.
- Students who repeatedly use mobile devices during the school day will have them confiscated as above and will need a parent/carer/guardian to collect it.

If a member of staff of Brine Leas School has any suspicion that a mobile device has unsuitable material stored on it, students will be required to hand over the device to a member of staff and parents will be asked to collect it from a senior member of staff. In circumstances where there is a suspicion that the material on the mobile device may provide evidence relating to a criminal offence, the device will be handed over to the Police for further investigation. Parents will need to recover the device from the Police in such circumstances.

The use of mobile devices in examinations is strictly prohibited. Attention is brought to students and their families that this includes many watches (this should be noted in conjunction with our examination guidelines which states that no watches should be brought into an examination room).

Students remain responsible for their own property and will bear the responsibility of any losses.

ⁱ Mobile devices covers any digital device that can receive or record data in any format including Apple watches and equivalent.

Any failure to comply with the above guidelines may result in normal disciplinary action to be taken up to and including the consideration of permanent exclusion of the student concerned.

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