



HBN Mobile Devices Policy

Aims

1. Promote, and set an example for, safe and responsible device use.
2. Set clear guidelines for the use of mobile phones for pupils, staff, parents and volunteers

Mobile Phones

At HBN we recognise that widespread ownership of mobile devices among young people requires that schools, pupils and parents/carers take steps to ensure responsible usage. The school rule has been that children do not have their phones during the school day as they detract from learning. We do, however, know that many children need to bring phones to school so they can contact parents/be contacted on the way to and from school. Therefore, children are required to hand in their devices to the school office (where they are kept safe from loss, damage and theft) at the start of the day and then collect them at home-time. We would remind parents that school is not liable for any loss, damage or theft of any device and therefore having them in a secure place is best practice.

If a pupil chooses not to hand in their device to the office and they are seen using it during school hours, it will be confiscated and placed in a secure place in the head's office. In this instance parents will be informed and the following will be implemented.

1. On the first occasion, students will be allowed to collect their device after school.
2. On subsequent occasions, parents will be asked to collect the confiscated device.

Smart Watches

We are also aware that more children are wearing smart watches. These can be very distracting during lessons and are interrupting learning. We therefore ask that these are not sent to school. If children do wear them and are found to be texting or calling during school hours, the device will be treated in the same way as a mobile phone and points 1 and 2 above will apply.

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