



CHAILEY SCHOOL

A Specialist Language and Humanities College

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Dear Parents and Carers

Mobile Phones in School

Mobile phones have become an integral part of the life of young people in Britain today. As a school we understand that having a phone can help to keep a young person safe and can also be used as an educational tool.

At Chailey School we use student devices to support learning when appropriate, but apart from this supervised use, we do not allow mobile phones to be used. In the media we learn from research that the use of mobile phones can be an 'addiction' for some young people and can contribute to rising levels of anxiety and mental health issues which affect physical and emotional wellbeing, as well as academic progress.

Unfortunately mobile phones are not always used for good. They can, and are, also used for anti-social reasons. During breaks from learning we encourage students to socialise. The use of mobile phones does not encourage this. As a school, student welfare and learning are our priority and we are spending an increasing amount of time dealing with issues around the inappropriate use of phones, distracting us from our main purposes.

For these reasons we are tightening up our rules around mobile phones in school. The new rules and routines will be in place from the beginning of January 2018.

- Students may bring a mobile phone into school
- It must be turned off on entering the school site and be out of sight for the entire day, including break and lunchtimes
- If a member of staff decides that the use of a mobile phone will enhance learning, the member of staff will direct students and supervise use. At the end of the activity students will be required to turn the device off and again put it away from sight
- If a student needs to contact home, permission should be sought from a member of staff, who will allow a student to use a school phone

If a student is found to be using a mobile phone inappropriately it will be confiscated and placed in a school safe. Parents/carers will be telephoned and asked to come and collect the phone.

In assemblies we have reminded students of these rules and expectations, and the reasons behind them. We trust we can count on your support in ensuring your child understands our rules and the reasons behind them. We know that a small minority of parents/carers directly contact their own child and we would ask that you come through us as school instead.





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We have learned from other educational establishments that this approach to the use of mobile devices has a positive effect on student focus, concentration and subsequent progress, and also on their social and emotional development and personal relationships. We all want Chailey School to be a happy and positive learning environment for all, and these rules will help to ensure Chailey School is exactly that.

We would also like to remind you of our jewellery policy. Students may wear a stud in each ear lobe and a watch (plus a discrete religious necklace if appropriate). No other jewellery is allowed and we will be strictly enforcing this rule from January. Again, any confiscated items may be collected by a parent/carer from the main school office.

Many thanks for your support with these areas of school regulations and I wish you all a peaceful and relaxing family Christmas.

Yours sincerely

Helen Key
Head Teacher

