

LUTTERWORTH HIGH SCHOOL



MOBILE PHONE USAGE POLICY

Reviewed: By the Achievement and Attainment Committee

Adopted: By the Governing Body 6th October 2020

Signed: Chair of Governors: Janet Jones

Date: 6th October 2020

Signed: Head Teacher: Julian Kirby

Date: 6th October 2020

LUTTERWORTH HIGH SCHOOL – MOBILE PHONE USAGE POLICY

Mobile Phone Usage

With most students having access to the internet via their mobile phones they are now able to access very easily a very large number of internet sites. The vast majority of sites and apps including social media apps are no cause for concern however some of these sites are entirely inappropriate and as a school we are keen to ensure that all our students are shielded from their content.

In lessons, any use of a mobile phone will only be sanctioned with the knowledge, supervision and permission of the member of staff concerned. Any access to the internet must be via the school filtering system. However, because this is a school and the students are quite naturally unsupervised for parts of the working day - in particular break and lunchtimes - it is clearly not possible to monitor closely how they are using their phones during the school day and what sites they may or may not be visiting.

In order to address this issue we have a 'phones away' rule which means that no student is allowed to use his/her phone during unsupervised times eg. lesson change overs, break and lunch without the supervision of a member of staff. We know that phones are a useful and, on occasions, vital means of communication between home and school and we do not want to lose that facility but if students wish to contact home for any reason they should do so via Student Reception.

Any student failing to observe these rules will be given a severe clause (level 5) and parents will be informed. Any subsequent ignoring of this rule by any student will be regarded as a serious breach of trust and will be dealt with accordingly.

The safety of our students is of paramount concern and importance to us and that includes keeping them safe from the obvious and well documented dangers implicit in accessing inappropriate networking sites.