

# LUTTERWORTH HIGH SCHOOL



## MOBILE PHONE USAGE POLICY

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## **Mobile Phone Usage**

With most students having access to the internet via their mobile phones they are now able to access very easily a 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 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, e.g. 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 Level 3, have their phone confiscated, and parents will be informed. The student can claim their phone back at 3pm the same day. Any subsequent ignoring of this rule by any student twice in a half term will lead to their phone being confiscated and parents will need to collect the phone at their convenience. This 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.