



MOBILE PHONE POLICY

Students who wish to bring a mobile phone into school may do so, **however they must abide by the following:**

Any mobile phone must be switched off and in school bags at all times whilst students are on the school site. Devices seen, or heard (including those in pockets), will be confiscated.

Any other device which can receive/send text messages, such as smart watches, will also be confiscated **if** there is a concern from a member of staff that it is being used inappropriately.

As a consequence of the updated Keeping Children Safe in Education 2023 guidance paragraph 138 (see below) mobile phones and personal headphones (of any type) **cannot be used, in school, during the school day.**

Note – we understand that a very small number of students use their devices to monitor their health conditions (these students will be permitted access to their devices as required following a scheduled meeting with the relevant Pastoral Team).

- 6th Formers are allowed to use the named devices only within the 6th Form building
- If a mobile phone or headphones are seen by staff they will be confiscated **without warning.** This policy will be rigorously enforced by staff
- Confiscated items will be placed in the school safe in Student Support for collection by the student at the end of the school day
- If an item (phone or electronic device) is confiscated three times during the same half term, it will not be returned to the student and must be collected by the parents/carers on the day of confiscation (or thereafter)
- If a student does not comply with any member of staff's instructions they will face further sanction in line with the behaviour policy
- If a student has their mobile phone or headphones confiscated on multiple occasions, they may be banned from bringing these items onto the school site for the remainder of the term
- Students found abusing the use of a phone, for example making inappropriate calls or videoing other students without their permission, will be sanctioned and banned from bringing a mobile phone into school
- We take the welfare of our students very seriously. If for example they are unwell or need to be dealt with by a member of staff regarding other issues, parents and carers will be contacted directly by the school as required. **Students must not directly contact parents for matters involving illness or discipline** unless instructed by a member of staff to do so
- The Headteacher's decision on all matters relating to the mobile phone protocol is final

These rules apply at all times when on the school site.

By choosing The Kimberley School for your child's secondary education you have automatically agreed to follow all related policies.



Paragraph 138 in **Keeping Children Safe in Education 2023**

The school or college should have a clear policy on the use of mobile and smart technology. Amongst other things this will reflect the fact many children have unlimited and unrestricted access to the internet via mobile phone networks (i.e. 3G, 4G and 5G). This access means some children, whilst at school or college, sexually harass, bully, and control others via their mobile and smart technology, share indecent images consensually and non-consensually (often via large chat groups) and view and share pornography and other harmful content. Schools and colleges should carefully consider how this is managed on their premises and reflect this in their mobile and smart technology policy and their child protection policy.