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### **Mobile Phone Policy**

Students are allowed to bring mobile phones and MP3 players to school but they must only be used in accordance with our policy. Mobile phones/MP3 players are expensive items and the school will not take any responsibility for the phone if it is lost or stolen.

No student is allowed to use their mobile phone in lesson times. Mobile phones/MP3 players will be confiscated if they are **seen** during lesson time and will be returned to the student at the end of the lesson. Headphones and earpieces must not be worn or be visible during lessons, unless they are supplied for classroom use by the teacher. Mobile phones/MP3 players are not to be used to play/broadcast music publically.

**Mobile phones and MP3 players are not to be used as a calculator or a watch in lessons.**

**In an emergency, parents should contact reception not phone students during lessons.**

Mobile phones/MP3 players are banned from use in public examination, and controlled assessment and students are at risk of being disqualified should their mobile phones be misused or cause disruption. The calculator facility of mobile phones cannot be used as part of any examination.

In the event of a Mobile phone/MP3 player being used to record sound, pictures or video images which are deemed to be an invasion of privacy the school will reserve the right to apply an appropriate sanction which could include fixed term exclusion from school, and in extreme cases, permanent exclusion. It is also possible that an individual student or member of staff may wish to exercise their human right and take legal action which would initially engage outside agencies including the police.