



# ALL SAINTS'

## CATHOLIC VOLUNTARY ACADEMY

### Mobile Phone Policy



Mobile phones are not allowed in school. If brought into school for emergencies the phone must be left at reception. Students will be given a ticket when handing in their phone and must ensure they look after this ticket. The school does not accept responsibility for lost tickets/phones. Any student found with a mobile (including break and lunchtimes) will have the phone confiscated for a period of 5 full school days (this will therefore include over a weekend). Students are not allowed to use phones until they have left the school site at the end of the day. Phones can be collected at the end of the school day from the designated place in the canteen.

#### Please note the following :

- The policy is on the school website
- Parents will have letters and emails to explain the policy
- The policy is regularly explained to all students in assemblies
- Confiscating the phone for 5 working days is reasonable and appropriate (other schools either ban phones from school in all circumstances or confiscate for a term)
- Staff have a right to enforce the school rules without being verbally abused by students or parents over phone confiscation
- Students also have a right to a learning environment that is not disrupted by others using phones
- The police support the school's policy on phones
- A phone being used in an exam will have a significant impact on a student. They will be withdrawn from all their exams up to that point and not obtain a full set of qualifications – this is a national exam board rule.

#### The police and legal position :

The police position and legal position of our school policy on mobile phones is very clear.

- The school site is private property and is entitled in law to produce a set of rules that the students should follow.
- The view of the police is that our mobile phone rules are legal. We have communicated these rules to parents and therefore parents should be aware of these rules. The police will not intervene in this matter and will support the school as the rules and their enforcement are legal.
- The police would view any dispute over confiscation of a phone as a matter between parent and school. Therefore, their role would not be involved in such a dispute. The phone may be the property of the student or parent – the school is not acquiring the phone but confiscating the phone for a period of time. The phone would then be returned to its owner.
- The Headteacher has a legal right to enforce the school rules and the police would support the right of the Headteacher to do this.

