



Mobile Phone Use Policy

Primary person responsible for updates of this policy: Senior Vice Principal

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DLD College – Mobile Phone Use Policy

1. Purpose

1. In line with recent government legislation requiring schools to restrict mobile phone use during the school day, DLD College is implementing this policy to promote focus, improve wellbeing, and ensure a calm, safe, and respectful learning environment.

2. General Expectations (All Students)

- 2.1 Students **may carry their mobile phones** with them during the school day but students **may not use their phones at any point** during the school day while on school premises (including the Wellbeing Garden), unless within the rules below.
- 2.2 Mobile phones must remain **switched off or on silent** and **out of sight** during the school day, including lessons and at break and lunch time.
- 2.3 If a student is found breaking the mobile phone rules, the mobile phone will be **confiscated and handed to a member of ELT for the remainder of the day**. It can only be collected from ELT at the end of the school day. This will be recorded on EduLink and parents will be notified.
- 2.4 Repeated breaches will lead to further sanctions in line with the Behaviour Policy.
- 2.5 There is an exception for Sixth Form students detailed below in Section 3 and for Boarders in Section 4.

3. Sixth Form (Years 12–14)

- 3.1 Sixth Form students may use their phones:
 - **In The Hub**, during **lunchtime only**, or
 - **Off-site** if they choose to leave the building.
- 3.2 Phone use is not permitted in lessons, corridors, study spaces, or wider communal areas outside these exceptions.

4. Boarders

- 4.1 Boarders may use their phone:
 - In the rooms
 - In their common rooms
- 4.2 In the above spaces and social spaces, after 5pm

5. Lessons and Learning Spaces

5.1 Phones must be **switched off or silent and out of sight** in all lessons, study periods, and supervised learning environments.

5.2 Teachers may allow phone use during trips and visits off site. Students must stop use when instructed.

6. Safeguarding and Emergencies

6.1 Students needing to contact home can do so via **Reception**

6.2 Parents should contact the College directly rather than trying to reach students during the school day. Parents of boarders can contact the HouseParents in an emergency.

6.3 In emergencies, staff will support students in accessing their phone, if safe and appropriate.