

Cefn Saeson Comprehensive School

Ysgol Gyfun Cefn Saeson

Mobile Phone Policy

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The school is committed to providing a safe, respectful and productive learning environment for all students. Mobile phones and other personal electronic devices can be a significant distraction to learning and can negatively impact student wellbeing. The increasing sophistication of mobile phone technology presents issues for schools, particularly about children's safety and wellbeing. The integration of cameras into phones and the accessibility of internet technology can lead to potential child protection and data protection issues.

This policy sets out clear expectations regarding the use of mobile phones in school.

Expectations

Students are permitted to bring mobile phones to school; however, they must comply with the following requirements:

- Mobile phones must be switched off or set to silent mode and kept out of sight at all times during the school day.
- Mobile phones should **not be seen or heard** anywhere on the school site unless a medical exemption exists
- Students are responsible for the safety and security of their own devices.
- The school accepts no liability for loss, theft or damage to mobile phones brought onto the premises.

Purpose

The school has adopted this policy to:

- Minimise distractions and disruption to teaching and learning.
- Promote student engagement, concentration and achievement in lessons.
- Reduce incidents of bullying and cyberbullying facilitated through social media, messaging apps and online platforms.
- Protect student privacy and wellbeing.
- Encourage positive social interaction during break and lunch times.
- Maintain a safe and respectful environment for all members of the school community.

Confiscation Procedures and Sanctions

If a mobile phone is seen or heard during the school day, staff will confiscate the device.

First Confiscation

- The phone will be confiscated and stored securely.
- The student may collect the phone at the end of the school day.

Second Confiscation

- The phone will be confiscated and stored securely.
- The student may collect the phone at the end of the school day.
- Parents/carers will be informed via Class Charts or phone call.

Third Confiscation

- The phone will be confiscated and stored securely.
- A parent or carer will be required to collect the phone from the school.
- A meeting may be arranged with parents/carers to discuss ongoing concerns regarding compliance with the policy.

Repeated breaches of the policy may result in additional sanctions in line with the school's Behaviour Policy. The school may require a student to leave their mobile phone at home for a specified period.

Emergency Contact

If parents/carers need to contact a student during the school day, they should do so through the school office. Likewise, students who need to contact home should seek permission from a member of staff and use appropriate school systems.

Review

This policy will be reviewed regularly to ensure it continues to support a safe and effective learning environment for all students.