



Dwight School London Mobile Phone usage

- Students will be able to use their mobile phones before school, during morning break and for the first 10 minutes of their lunch break. They will be allowed to access the Internet, listen to music through headphones and play games.
- Students will not be allowed to use their phones for these purposes, or for the completion of schoolwork, at any other time during the school day.
- The only exception to this is in physical education, when students will be able to use their mobile phones on the bus. At all other times phones must be placed in school bags or handed in to the PHE staff.
- At no time will students be allowed to play music through speakers, take any photographs or video or leave their headphones hanging out from their clothing.
- Students must not use their phones whilst walking between classrooms or between school sites.
- When talking to a member of staff anywhere students must put the phone away if requested.
- Phones must be switched off during lessons and be placed in school bags.
- Phones are not allowed to be used in the classroom unless at direct request of Staff.
- Students cannot use a phone in an exam – even as a calculator.
- Phones will be collected by exam invigilators prior to every public assessment. Students must always hand their phone in during an assessment or leave it at home.

Contact with parents/carers

- Students cannot phone home from their mobile device and arrange to go home unless explicit permission has been granted.
- Neither should parents contact students directly to arrange to pick them up.
- In cases of illness the school will contact home on the student's behalf to ensure parental permission and adequate supervision and transport is arranged

Misuse

If at any point a student misuses their phone or refuses to follow the above rules, the member of staff can confiscate the phone. It will be handed in at the office, to be picked up at a clearly defined time.

If there are repeated abuses, the phone will need to be picked up by a parent/carer and future arrangements will be determined.

Disclaimer

Students are not required to have a mobile phone in school and we support parents who make the decision that this is not necessary by ensuring that students are able to use school landlines to contact parents in an emergency. Parents can, of course, contact school via the landline. This policy does, however, recognise that the majority of our students do own a mobile phone. Any student who brings a mobile phone into school does so at their own risk and school will not be held responsible for any loss or damage.