

Mobile Phone Policy Update

Dear Parents and Carers,

From today, new national expectations regarding schools as mobile phone-free environments come into effect. In line with this, Fulwood Academy has updated its Mobile Phone Policy, which is now available to view on our school website.

Our approach remains balanced. We recognise that many families want their child to carry a mobile phone for safety whilst travelling to and from school. Therefore, pupils may continue to bring a mobile phone to school. However, from the moment pupils enter the school building, Fulwood Academy remains a mobile phone-free environment.

This means that all mobile phones must be:

- Switched off (not on silent).
- Kept out of sight in school bags throughout the school day.
- Not used anywhere on the school site unless specifically authorised by a member of staff in exceptional circumstances.

To ensure consistency and fairness for all pupils, the following procedures will now apply:

- Any pupil found in possession of, or using, a mobile phone during the school day will receive an IMPACT referral.
- The mobile phone will be confiscated immediately and taken to Reception.
- A parent or carer will be required to collect the phone from Reception.

In addition, if a pupil uses their mobile phone during the school day to contact home, or a parent contacts school as a result of communication received from their child during school hours, this will also result in an IMPACT referral, as it demonstrates that a mobile phone has been used whilst inside school.

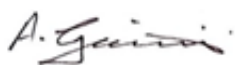
If your child needs to contact home during the school day, or if you need to get an urgent message to your child, please continue to use the school's established pastoral systems. Our Reception and Pastoral Teams are always available to support pupils and ensure messages are passed on quickly and appropriately.

Many schools have now chosen to completely ban pupils from bringing mobile phones onto school site. We have deliberately not taken this approach because we recognise the important role that phones can play in safeguarding pupils on their journey to and from school. We therefore ask for your support in helping us maintain a mobile phone-free learning environment during the school day.

Please take a few moments to discuss these expectations with your child and reinforce the importance of following our updated policy. By working together, we can minimise distractions, improve learning, and ensure that all pupils are focused, safe and ready to succeed.

Thank you for your continued support and partnership.

Yours sincerely



Mr A Galbraith
Principal