

INSPIRE SUCCESS

Dear Family

Headteacher: **MR PAUL HALCRO**

In an effort to continually improve our community at Selston High School, we will be having a 'Behaviour Reset' on mobile phones beginning on Monday 27th June. As a part of this, staff, students and parents are being reminded of our expectations around mobile phones in school to ensure that everyone is clear of these prior to the reset.

Why is the school having this behaviour reset?

1. Mobile phones are a significant safeguarding risk to children in school as they can be used in cyber-bullying and in the sending and receiving of inappropriate messages and images.
2. Mobile phones are a safeguarding risk in school as they can be used to photograph and video others, including without permission.
3. Mobile phones in school can also increase children's anxiety when in school as they are constantly aware of messages being sent and received.
4. Phones can also get in the way of learning if students are distracted by them in lessons.
5. Mobile phones can also increase behaviour incidents in school where students are using them for negative reasons.

What is the school's policy on mobile phones?

Mobile phones are banned in school and on the school grounds. They should not be seen or heard. Phones are banned inside the school gates at all times; including before or after school. If parents do still want their child to bring a mobile phone to school, it should be switched off and kept in their locker/bag. The school cannot accept responsibility for mobile phones being lost, damaged or stolen.

What if I want to contact my child?

During the school day, urgent messages can be delivered to children by calling school reception. We will ensure that all urgent messages are communicated as soon as possible. If a student has brought their phone to school, these can be switched on and used once the student has exited the school gates.

What will happen if my child's phone is seen or heard within the school gates?

1. If a mobile phone is seen or heard within the school gates at any time it will be confiscated immediately and placed at school reception for collection at the end of the day.
2. Students who wear headphones/earphones/airpods in school will have these confiscated along with the mobile phone, as they are not permitted in school and listening to music is not allowed. The same sanction will be applied as per above.
3. If a student refuses to follow the instruction to hand over their mobile phone, they will be placed in isolation until 4pm.
4. If this is refused, the school will have no other option other than for the student to be excluded.

As ever, we appreciate the support of all our families with our expectations as we try to make the school a safe and happy place for the children to learn. Ensuring that mobile phones are not used on site will hugely support this. The majority of students adhere to these expectations on a daily basis, which we are thankful for. If you would like to discuss this or any other matter, please contact your child's pastoral support team.

Yours faithfully



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