

# HENDON SCHOOL

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## RE: Hendon School mobile phone policy

Dear Parent/Carer,

While we at Hendon understand that mobile phones are a part of modern life, we also recognise that in a school environment, they can cause disruption to learning and present safeguarding risks. In recent months, there has been an increase in students using their mobile phones at school and would like to take this opportunity to remind students and families that Hendon is a phone free zone.

Student mobile phones are not permitted on site unless they are turned off and in the student's bag (at student's own risk). The same is true for airpods/headphones. If phones are on show, they are confiscated until the end of the day and students issued with a 30 minute detention after school.

Sixth formers may only use their phones in sixth form study centre and the library computer room.

To ensure this policy is consistently implemented and to provide clarity for students, the rules will apply **at any time** on site (including before mentoring begins at 8:40 and after lessons end).

Students will be able to collect confiscated items **from the detention hall** at the end of the school day.

We are aware that there are times when you may need to contact your child quickly. In these instances, please do call the school reception and we will facilitate this. Equally, if a child needs to contact home they should speak to the team in Student Support or their Head of Year who can support them with this. Please do refer to our Climate for Learning policy on the school website for further guidance:

<https://www.hendonschool.co.uk/assets/Documents/Attachments/Climate-for-Learning-Policy-Nov-2022.pdf> .

Whether at home or at school, mobile phones provide easy access to the Internet which is full of fantastic opportunities but can also be a very risky place. It is important that we all work together to keep children safe. We strongly recommend that you enable parental controls on your child's phone, and talk to your child about how to stay safe online. The following website is a great source of further advice: <https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/#guides>

We thank you for your ongoing support.

Kind regards

*Miss. K. Downing*

Senior Leadership Team

