



## Mobile Phones at Eastbrook School 'Respected not Banned'

Mobile phones are an important part of today's technology and many secondary students have their own phone. We believe that young people who have them, should use them safely, appropriately and to their full capacity. In order to promote the safe and effective use of technology we do not ban mobile phones and they may occasionally be used in the classroom, under the teacher's instruction. They do not **replace** traditional teaching and learning methods and should not be used in classrooms without the direct permission of the teacher.

- Students are responsible for the safe keeping of their mobile phone, **not the school**. We will make every effort to help a student get their phone back if it is lost or stolen including working with the police where necessary. (Parent/carers need to be aware that insurance companies may not cover loss or damage to mobile phones in schools).
- Mobile phones must be silent at all times while on school premises (this includes breaktimes).
- Students should keep their phones out of sight and in a secure place, especially during PE lessons.
- Mobile phones are not allowed during exams and have to be switched off and handed in at the start of the exam. Any student found in possession of a mobile phone in an examination room faces having that exam disqualified and in some cases will be disqualified from future examinations.
- If inappropriate mobile phone use is detected, the phone may be confiscated by the teacher. The student may collect their phone from the school office at the end of the school day.
- If a phone is confiscated on more than one occasion you will be contacted and we will request that the student does not bring their phone in to school for a fixed period of time.
- Parents are advised not to contact their child via the mobile during the school day, but for emergencies to use the service available through the school reception 0203 780 3609.
- **Students may not under any circumstances film or photograph other students or teachers without their permission. This could lead to exclusion.**
- **Should any student use their phone to send or post threatening or offensive messages or inappropriate pictures we will take immediate action involving parent/carers, social services and the police as appropriate.**