

King Edward VI School

Mobile Phones – information for students and parents

Our policy on mobile phones can be summed up simply as follows:

Students are strongly discouraged from bringing a mobile phone to school. If, however, one is brought in for emergency use, the following rules will apply:

- The school accepts no liability for loss or damage, however caused
- When on school premises all phones must be kept **switched off and out of sight**
- **Phones must not be used for any purpose anywhere on the school site other than with the express permission of the teacher and within a lesson.** This includes: checking the time; accessing the calculator function; sending or receiving calls or text messages; listening to music; using the camera
- Phones **seen or used on the school premises** will be confiscated and, on the first offence, given back at the end of the school day with a reminder of the rules
- We reserve the right to check a phone if it is suspected that there may be inappropriate material or unauthorised photographs or recordings on it
- A second or subsequent confiscation will mean that the phone **must be collected by a parent/carers** – and the student will be in after-school detention on a Friday.
- **Parents/carers are reminded not to ask us to make an exception to this rule for their child, even if collection is inconvenient. It is the responsibility of students to ensure that they do not break the rules and have their mobile phone confiscated**
- Urgent telephone contact with and from parents/carers should be via the school Reception.
- In the case of exceptional circumstances when a mobile phone may need to be used students must speak to senior staff and get permission in advance.

Personal music players, Ipods and similar devices

Students are allowed to bring these items to school under exactly the same conditions as mobile phones. They must not be seen or used at all on the school premises, and they are subject to the same confiscation procedures as mobile phones, including collection only by a parent/carers on a second or subsequent occasion. Again, no liability will be accepted by the school for loss or damage, however caused.

Valuables

We strongly recommend that students avoid bringing valuable items or large sums of money to school.

Jewellery

Please ensure that you are aware of, and follow carefully, the rules concerning jewellery, as unsuitable items will be confiscated. Repeat confiscations will lead to after-school detention.