

The De Montfort School

UNLOCKING YOUR CHILD'S POTENTIAL

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Dear Parent/Carer

Mobile Phone and Personal Possession Policy

Mobile Phones

Many schools have zero-tolerance on mobile phones in school. At TDMS we try to achieve a sensible balance.

- We understand that most parents like their child to have a mobile phone for safety reasons
- There is the need for children to learn the appropriate use of a mobile phone as part of their education
- We need to prevent any problems caused through any inappropriate use of mobile phones
- We should also harness the possible benefits from using mobile phones in lessons to support learning

Year 6 and 7:

Students are not allowed to have their mobile phones out during the day. We consider that they are not yet ready to always make the right decisions regarding appropriate usage. Therefore, any mobile phones seen or used by students during the school day will be confiscated and parents will be asked to come and collect the phone from school.

Students must store their mobile phones in their lockers. Any student who does not currently have a locker but would like one, needs to go to the school office. We have enough lockers for all students and the cost is £10 (£5 refundable when the student leaves school and returns the locker key).

Year 8:

Students have the privilege of using their phones outside of lesson times as per the rules for Years 9 to 13 (please see below). This is closely monitored however and may be rescinded if the privilege is abused.

Year 9 to 13:

Mobile phones can be used at break and lunchtimes, but any inappropriate use will lead to confiscation until the end of the day. In lessons, mobiles must be switched off unless specific permission has been given by a member of staff.

For repeated inappropriate use of a mobile phone, the school may decide that a student cannot bring it to school.

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All students:

The De Montfort School cannot take responsibility for mobile phones, so we would strongly suggest that if your son/daughter has a mobile phone with them it is not an expensive one. We will always make telephone calls home from the main office if your child needs to contact you urgently.

Other Personal possessions

The golden rule is to not allow your child to bring anything of real value to school as, although incidences of loss are very rare, this can be very upsetting and the school cannot take any responsibility for any losses.

An increasing number of students cycle or come by scooter to school. Please note that whilst we do provide a storage facility during the day, this facility is open at the beginning and end of each day. Students are not supervised in this storage facility so we suggest that bikes/scooters are well marked for identification and are lockable.

If your child is late to school for any reason, we request that they do not arrive by bike or scooter as the storage facility will be locked and we do not have any other facilities to keep them safe. Although theft or damage to bikes/scooters is fortunately extremely rare, the school cannot take responsibility for any damage/theft of these items.

Your support in ensuring this policy is invaluable and greatly appreciated.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Guy Nichols', written in a cursive style.

Guy Nichols