

The De Montfort School

Mobile Phone, MP3 Player and Games Console Policy

Version Control

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Rationale

Mobile phones are a feature of modern society. The De Montfort School recognises the wishes of a number of parents/carers for students to carry a mobile phone to assist with safe journeys to and from school.

Mobile Phone Acceptable Use Policy (Years 6 to 11)

It is our policy to allow students to have a mobile phone with them in school should they choose to do so under the conditions outlined in the policy below:

- Phones must not be used for any purpose (e.g. phoning, texting, surfing the internet, taking photos, checking the time, using it as a calculator, taking videos etc) on the school site.
- Phones must always be switched off (not on silent mode) and kept out of view. If a student breaches these rules the phone will be confiscated and taken to reception. The student will be issued with a C2 detention in the first instance. Students will be allowed to collect the phone at the end of the school day.
- Subsequent breaches of the policy will result in confiscation, and a C3 detention being issued. Parents/carers will need to collect the phone from the school reception.
- Continued breaches of the mobile phone policy will result in student being banned from having a mobile phone on the school premises. Further action will result should the student subsequently be found in possession of a mobile phone. This may include fixed term exclusions.
- Phones must not be taken into examinations.

'No Mobile Phones, iPods, MP3 players, pagers or any other products with text/digital facilities are permitted in the examination room. Possession of unauthorised items is an infringement of the regulations and could lead to disqualification from the current examination and the overall qualification. Candidates are advised that mobile phones in particular must not be in their possession whether or not switched on' (Joint Council for Qualifications statement 2008).

Mobile Phone Acceptable Use Policy (Years 12 & 13)

Students in Year 12 and 13 are subjected to the same conditions as those outlined above for Years 7-11, with the exception that they are allowed to use their phones during the school day in the Sixth Form area only. They should not be used in any other areas of the school.

Emergencies

If a student needs to contact his/her parents/carers they will be allowed to use a school phone. If parents/carers need to contact students urgently they should phone the school reception and a message will be relayed promptly.

A student using their own mobile phone to make contact would form a breach of this policy and result in the appropriate sanction being applied.

Security for mobile phones and other valuables

The school cannot accept any responsibility for theft, loss, damage or health effects (potential or actual) relating to mobile devices, nor for theft, loss or damage to any other valuable item, or for the theft or loss of money. It is the responsibility of parents/carers and students to ensure mobile phones and other valuables are insured. During PE lessons, or other times when the phone needs to be kept secure, students should keep their phones in the lockers that they have been provided with.

MP3 and other music and multimedia players and hand held games consoles

Students should not bring MP3 and/or other music and multimedia players or games consoles into school at any time and consequently they should not be used in lessons or around the school. The high value of these items creates added security issues within school for both the student and supervising staff. Any student who brings such items into school will be subject to the sanctions described previously.