

2nd June 2015

Dear Parent/Guardian,

With effect from Monday 8th June 2015 pupils will no longer be allowed to carry mobile phones on school site unless we have written permission from their parent or guardian.

Our current policy directs that we do not expect pupils to have their mobile phones switched on during the school day. Unfortunately, this is something that a number of pupils simply cannot manage to do. This can result in some of our pupils becoming distracted from their education, inevitably limiting their progress. Indeed, recent surveys suggest that schools who decide to ban mobile phones on site have noticed an increase in pupils' progress. The misuse of mobile phones on school site can (and has) raised Safeguarding concerns, and as a school who takes pride in our Safeguarding work we simply need to act to protect our pupils' progress and well-being.

Any pupil who is observed with a mobile phone during the school day will have it confiscated and placed securely in the school safe. The parent/guardian can collect the mobile phone at the end of the school day. If parents need to contact their child during the day they should do so by contacting the school office.

I am aware that exceptional circumstances can occur and if you consider this to be the case please sign and return the attached slip. Pupils are still expected to have their phone off and not visible during the school day, including break and lunchtime. If a pupil fails to adhere to these rules they shall have their phone confiscated. It will only be returned when the parent/guardian of that child collects it, as per the process above.

I would encourage all parents/guardians to deliberate fully before making a decision and refer to the previously mentioned concerns regarding mobile phones.

After speaking to a number of parents I know the vast majority would see this step as a positive and helpful move in trying to maintain the huge improvements that we are making here at King Edward VI High School.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely



Mr J Christey
Headteacher

I wish for my child _____ in tutor group _____ to be allowed to have their mobile phone with them during the school day. I understand that if my child does have their phone out during the school day it will be confiscated and not returned until I (as my child's parent/guardian) collect it.

Parent/guardian _____

Dated _____