

Mobile Phone Policy 2024 - 20245

At Safa we are a mobile device free school. We have adopted this approach due to two main reasons:

1. We believe in the importance of students disconnecting from their devices and social media during the school day.
2. To support our behaviour policy.

As a mobile free site, students are not to use their device/have their device in sight, from when they enter the site in the morning until the end of a student's school day.

- a. Students leaving the school at 3:20pm may use their device in the reception area to contact families/arrange transport etc.
- b. Students in an ECA, leaving at 4:10pm may use their device in the reception area to contact families/arrange transport etc.
- c. Students in sports activities, leaving after a fixture, may use their device at the end of the fixture to contact families/arranging transport etc.

Where a mobile phone is being used outside of the above conditions, the device will be confiscated in line with the school policy. A parent will need to collect the phone at the end of the school day.

- a. A follow up consequence will be a lunch time (20 minute) detention the following day.
- b. For the rest of the week, the student will hand their device into 'locker' at the start of the school day and receive their numbered tag. Students will be able to collect their device at the end of the school day.

Students can choose to use the locker system optionally, to ensure the safe storage of their device. We ask parents to support the school move to its cashless card system in the canteen, so that students do not need to use the mobile wallet in their devices. In exceptional circumstances, students will be granted permission to use their phones within the canteen to make payment. Finally, in accordance with the mobile phone policy, all communication between parents and students during the school day will come directly from the school.