

## Mobile Phones - Guidance

Mayflower High School, alongside national organisations, such as the NSPCC, Childline and the UK Safer Internet Centre, recognise that mobile phones provide everyone with many positive opportunities to take advantage of our increasingly interconnected world. It is appreciated that some parents encourage students to carry a mobile phone, particularly as an aid to personal safety on the journey to and from home. However, we are equally aware that there is the potential for these phones to disrupt lessons and have a negative impact on learning and teaching.

The school recommends that the use of mobile phones be limited to before the school day has started, after it has finished and during break and lunchtimes, in the playground and dining hall. Mobile phones must not be taken out during lessons or used inside the school's buildings, corridors and stairwells. Photographs and recordings must not be taken at any time, unless express permission has been granted.

**If a mobile phone is taken out during lessons, it will be confiscated. It will be retained in the school UNTIL THE NEXT SCHOOL DAY and must be collected by a parent between 08.30 and 16.30.**

The school accepts no responsibility for loss or damage to mobile phones.