



Rashid School for Boys

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Mobile Phone and Digital Devices Policy

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Primary Section

The parents of pupils in Years 3 to 6 are encouraged to provide their sons with iPads. These are formatted by the school and are then kept at RSB for the complete school year. Software is added by the school when required and students are responsible for looking after their own iPads.

Primary pupils should not use mobile phones in school. However, if a parent would like their son to bring a phone to school, this must be turned off and handed in at Reception, where it should be collected at the end of the school day.

Secondary Section

The school encourages and supports the use of digital technology to support learning. With the planned improvement of the school's wireless network then the increased use of school owned and student owned digital devices will be supported. However, their use will need to take into account the risks associated with computer viruses or other inappropriate material being brought into school or affecting the school network.

An important distinction needs to be made between devices that access the school wireless network, where their use can be carefully monitored, and mobile devices accessing mobile phone networks, where monitoring is not within the control of the school.

It is not recommended that mobile phones are brought to school and the school bears no responsibility for the loss or damage of any phone that is brought onto the premises. If a student needs to phone home or call a driver, then the phone in Reception is available for their use.

If a phone is brought to school it should be turned off and stored in the student's locker or school bag. For health reasons we do not recommend that phones are carried for long periods of time in shirt or trouser pockets. Mobile phones emit electromagnetic radiation and some medical advice warns about children carrying phones close to their bodies for long periods of time. For safety reasons, phones should never be kept in pockets when playing football or other sports, where an impact may cause an injury from broken glass.

If a student uses his phone in school then it should be taken from him by a teacher. The phone will be passed to the Year Group Coordinator and will usually be returned at the

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end of the school day, or held until it is collected by a parent or representative of the family.

In cases where a student continues to ignore or break school policy then parents will be contacted and told that their son must not bring a phone to school.

If a phone is used to harm another student or damage the reputation of the school, for example by:

- Sending or forwarding abusive texts or photographs
- Used to secretly photograph, record or video a student or teacher
- Used to bully or insult another student

Then this will lead to serious sanctions and further action, in accordance with the school's behaviour policy.

Staff use of mobile phones

Staff should be sensitive to the student sections of this policy. It does not help guide appropriate use from students if staff are openly walking around school using mobile phones, or if phones are used by staff in lessons. There may be occasional times when a member of staff needs to make or receive a call, but we need to remember our position as role models for our students.

Although the school encourages the use of digital devices to support learning, staff are asked not to promote the use of student personal mobile phones in lessons.

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