

NEWTON INTERNATIONAL ACADEMY SMASH



Mobile phone policy

POLICY REVIEWED

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The Use of Mobile Phone Policy

1. Purpose

This policy outlines the rules regarding the use of mobile phones in school to maintain a safe, focused, and respectful learning environment, in line with the expectations of the Ministry of Education and Higher Education (Circular 4, March 2025).

2. Applicability

This policy applies to all students

3. Policy Guidelines

3.1 Primary (Years 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6)

- Students are not allowed to use mobile phones in school

3.2 Key Stage 3 – Years 7, 8, and 9

- Students are not allowed to use mobile phones in school.
- If a KS3 student is found with a mobile phone, it will be confiscated and returned only to a parent at the end of the school day.
- Repeated violations may result in further disciplinary action.

3.3 Key Stage 4 and Key Stage 5 (Years 10, 11, 12, 13)

- Students in KS4 and KS5 are permitted to bring mobile phones to school, however...
 - Phones must be switched off or set to silent mode during lessons unless a teacher explicitly allows their use for educational purposes.
 - Phones must not be in public view.
 - Any misuse, including taking photos/videos without consent, cyberbullying, or accessing inappropriate content, will result in serious disciplinary action, including suspensions.

4. Consequences for Policy Violations

- **First Offense:** Verbal warning and confiscation of the phone for the day. Break time detention the following day
- **Second Offense:** Phone confiscated and returned only to a parent at the end of the day. Morning isolation the following day
- **Third Offense and more:** Phone confiscated and returned only to a parent at the end of the day. Full day isolation the following day

5. Special Considerations

- If a student requires a mobile phone for medical reasons or emergencies, parents must submit a written request to the school for approval.

- Teachers and staff have the authority to confiscate mobile phones if students do not comply with this policy.

6. Parent and Student Responsibility

- The school is not responsible for any lost, stolen, or damaged mobile phones.
- It is the student's responsibility to ensure their phone is kept secure and used appropriately.

7. Policy Review

This policy will be reviewed annually to ensure it remains aligned with Ministry of Education guidelines and school needs.

Date of next review: June 2027