

# Mobile Phone Policy

## Ty Dysgu PRU

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## **Mobile Phone Policy for Ty Dysgu PRU**

### **Purpose**

This policy aims to create a safe and focused learning environment by regulating the use of mobile phones at Ty Dysgu PRU. We recognise that mobile phones can be a significant distraction and may impact students' well-being, behaviour and engagement. Therefore, the use of mobile phones is not permitted during the school day, other than at break and lunch periods for years 8 – 11. No students in year 1 – 7 are permitted phones on site.

### **Scope**

This policy applies to all students while on the PRU premises or engaged in any PRU-organised activity.

### **Policy Statement**

#### **1. Use of Mobile Phones:**

All mobile phones must be switched off – not on silent - and not visible as soon as you enter the PRU premises.

2. Alternatively, students may hand their phone to a member of staff on arrival. Phones will be securely stored until the end of the school day.
3. If a student is seen using a phone outside of the agreed arrangements, the device must be handed to a member of staff immediately and the sanctions below will apply.

### **Sanctions**

The following sanctions will apply if a student uses a mobile phone on the PRU premises:

- **1st Offence** - 1 negative behaviour points will be issued on Class Charts
- The phone will be confiscated and returned to the pupil at 2.30pm.
- **2nd Offence** - 2 negative behaviour points will be issued on Class Charts
- The phone will be confiscated and can be collected at 2.30pm by the parent/carer.
- **3rd Offence** - 3 negative points will be issued on Class Charts - Parents/carers will be invited in to meet with the Pastoral lead to discuss next steps.

If a student refuses to hand over their phone, parents/carers will be contacted immediately and asked to come to the PRU to support the school in resolving the matter.

Repeated non-compliance may result in further disciplinary action, consistent with the PRU's Behaviour Policy.

### **Exceptional circumstances**

In the event of a student using their mobile phone inappropriately we reserve the right to prevent that student from bringing a mobile phone to school for safeguarding reasons. The following, while not an exhaustive list, are examples of exceptional circumstances:

- recording staff and students
- live streaming while on the PRU site or during an off-site activity
- Sending inappropriate messaging to staff or students
- Viewing or sharing inappropriate content.
- Persistent failure to follow mobile phone expectations.

#### **4. Exceptions:**

- In exceptional circumstances, such as medical emergencies or specific educational needs, students may request permission to use their mobile phones. This must be agreed in advance with a member of staff.
- Staff may use mobile phones for educational or professional purposes in designated areas and during planned activities.

Staff working across split sites may use their phones for essential communication between campuses.

#### **5. Communication with Parents/Guardians:**

- Parents and guardians are encouraged to communicate with their child through the school's main office if urgent matters arise during the school day. Students should not use mobile phones to contact parents directly during school hours.

## **6. Security and Responsibility:**

- The PRU is not responsible for the loss, theft, or damage of mobile phones. Students bring their phones to the PRU do so at their own risk.

## **7. Review of Policy:**

- This policy will be reviewed annually to ensure it remains effective, relevant and consistent with best practice, and aligned with safeguarding and behaviour expectations.

## **Implementation and Legal Framework**

Ty Dysgu PRU appreciates the cooperation of all students, staff, and parents/carers in maintaining a calm and focused environment. Schools are legally permitted to confiscate mobile phones under Sections 91 and 94 of the Education and Inspections Act 2006.

**Expectation:** All mobile phones must remain switched off and out of sight during the school day for year 8-11 (apart from at lunch and break periods).

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