

# Mobile Phone Policy

## *The* KING DAVID HIGH SCHOOL



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We recognise that mobile phones are an important part of life and are useful tools for a pupil's security and safety. Whilst acknowledging this we are also aware of the potential disruption to lessons and the ability to carry out negative behavior that can occur with the use of mobile phones. Therefore, KDHS has a policy that balances these two issues.

This policy is applicable for all pupils in **Years 7 to 11** (rules for Sixth Form students are slightly different as noted below).

Pupils may have their phones with them for travel to and from school.

However, the use of **ALL** phones must not be used once on site and phones must be switched off during the school day. This includes before registration and at lunchtime.

The only exception to this is where pupils and students may need to use their phone to pay for their lunch.

If a pupil needs to contact home they should use the school office.

Pupils with a mobile phone that is on may be given a warning and a chance to turn it off, but any pupil caught using a mobile phone is likely to have it confiscated for the remainder of the day.

If this continues a pupil will be asked to hand their phone in to the office each day and will have to collect it again at the end of the day for a specified period. The length of this period will increase if the pupil continues to use their phone in school. Pupils may also be subject to additional disciplinary action.

Any poor behaviour involving a mobile phone, such as the use of camera or cyber-bullying will be dealt with in regard to the incident but is also likely to result in a pupil having to hand their phone in each day.

If a pupil continues to use their phone in school despite these measures being taken, this may result in the phone being confiscated and parents being contacted to arrange collection and a follow up meeting regarding a plan for compliance with this policy.

Pupils and students in the Sixth Form may use their phones on the school bus for personal use only, such as games/music/homework. They must not take pictures or videos of themselves, other pupils or staff. Pupils who are found to have used their phone camera on the school bus will also be dealt with as a disciplinary matter.

Please be advised that as many smartwatches are connected to mobile phones the use of smartwatches in school may result in disciplinary action similar to the use of a mobile phone.

**Sixth Form** students are not permitted to use phones during lessons (unless specifically instructed by a teacher) or on the corridors. They may use their phones in the Sixth Form common and study rooms. They must not take pictures or videos of themselves, other students or staff.

Please see JCQ exam regulations for the rules around mobile phones and examinations. These will be clearly displayed to pupils in school and they risk disqualification if they are not followed.