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Mobile Phone Policy

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THE USE OF MOBILE PHONES BY STUDENTS IN SCHOOL IS NOT ALLOWED AT SIDDAL MOOR SPORTS COLLEGE.

1. Introduction

The widespread use of mobile phones has created a number of problems for schools throughout the UK. This document will make clear the school's policy on the possession of and use of mobile phones by students within school and the school's reactions to contraventions of this policy.

The school's policy on mobile phones is based around 'The Perfect Learner' and 'Model Citizen' values of integrity and respect.

2. Policy Statement

For their safety, the unsanctioned use of mobile phones by students is prohibited within school premises (this includes the school yard and playing fields). Whilst we understand that most students own a mobile phone and accept that some students are encouraged to bring phones into school for safety reasons, these mobile phones should be switched off prior to entering school and switched back on only after exiting the building at the end of the school day.

Mobile phones are disruptive to the smooth and safe running of the school, can lead to a number of particularly unpleasant forms of bullying and cause interruptions to students' learning.

Any parent who needs to get an urgent message to their child can, (as was the case before mobile phones were available), telephone the school and the receptionist will ensure that the message is passed on to the student.

Similarly, students with an urgent (and reasonable) need to contact their parent or carer will be allowed to use a telephone in school.

3. Actions

- Any student seen with or found using a mobile phone will have their mobile phone confiscated.
- Refusal to hand over the mobile phone may, in such circumstances, lead to a fixed-term exclusion of the student.
- Removal of any part of the device (such as a Sim card) prior to handing the phone over to a member of staff will be regarded as refusal and may then also result in a fixed-term exclusion.
- **First offence** – phone confiscated and available for collection by the student from a member of Senior Management at the end of the school day.
- **Second offence** – phone confiscated and to be collected by parent or carer.
- **Third offence** – phone confiscated for one week.
- Each subsequent offence thereafter will result in a two week confiscation.
- Phones confiscated for one or two weeks may be collected by the student at the end of the confiscation period.
- Mobile phones will be labelled and kept in a locked cupboard.

PLEASE NOTE: Confiscated phones will not be returned to a parent or carer under any circumstances before the confiscation period has elapsed.