

# CRANBROOK SCHOOL

## MOBILE PHONE RULES



### Reasons:

- impact on the health of young people of excessive mobile phone usage
- lack of leadership shown by social media organisations in addressing this issue
- statement from Chief Medical Officers that unrestricted screen-time is damaging

### Rules -:

- Students in Years 7-11 must not use mobile phones or headphones/earphones between 08.20 and 15.35 hours, **including in lessons unless this has been permitted by the class teacher**. Sixth Form students may use mobile phones in the Sixth Form Centre only.
- If a parent believes it necessary for their child to carry a mobile phone to school, this must be kept securely hidden in a school bag or in an inside pocket and switched off. Any breach of this rule will lead to confiscation of the phone.
- If a teacher believes a mobile phone is necessary to capture lesson content from a whiteboard, they will use their own device before or after the lesson and circulate such content via school email, Teams or on the school Portal.
- Homework instructions must be noted down in the School Planner, not on a mobile phone.
- Sixth Formers may access revision material on mobile phones, but only in the Sixth Form Centre and not in classrooms.
- On the first occasion a mobile phone is confiscated, it will need to be collected by the pupil from Barham at the end of the school day.
- On the second occasion a mobile phone is confiscated, it will need to be collected by the parent from Barham at their convenience.
- Any further confiscation will lead to a requirement to hand the phone in at reception each morning and collect at the end of the day for at least a week.
- Mobile phones are entirely the responsibility of the pupil and his/her parent. If a mobile phone is lost, damaged or stolen, the school will consider the issue to be a very low priority.
- Mobile phones must not be used to contact parents in case of illness or upset – a member of staff must always be the first means of communication. [In the case of an emergency, students can contact parents via Reception in Barham, and vice versa.]
- Mobile phones which are used for anti-social or criminal activities directed at fellow pupils, staff, parents, members of other schools or members of the public will be confiscated and if necessary handed to the police.
- This ban applies to all public spaces, boarding houses and classrooms during the school day.