

# STEEL CITY SCHOOLS PARTNERSHIP



## SCSP

### Mobile Phone Policy

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| Responsibility      | SLT          |
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| Date of next review | September 18 |

## Introduction

This policy outlines the appropriate use of mobile phones on our academy sites.

## Rationale

SCSP academies recognise that many pupils and their families own a mobile phone. We also recognise that some parents/guardians request that their child/ren bring a mobile phone to the academy for before and after school safety/security reasons.

Our core business of teaching and learning needs to be conducted in an environment free from unnecessary distractions or disruptions. Therefore SCSP strongly discourages the bringing of mobile phones to the academy by pupils. SCSP is prepared to allow mobile phones on the premises but only within accordance of this policy.

## Aims of policy:

- To inform all members of our SCSP communities about the appropriate use of mobile phones at our academies.
- To outline the procedures and processes of this policy.

## Guidelines

In general, pupils should not bring valuable items to the academies, as they can be easily lost or stolen, which is often distressful for a primary age child. Pupils remain responsible for all of their personal effects whilst at school. When pupils enter the school grounds the academy takes no responsibility for mobile phones. Mobile phones are brought to the academies entirely at the owner's risk. SCSP accepts no responsibility for replacing lost, stolen or damaged mobile phones.

There are no reasons why a student needs to have in their possession or use a mobile phone during the school day. Parents are reminded that in cases of emergency the academy office remains a vital and appropriate point of contact and can ensure your child is reached quickly and assisted in any appropriate way.

Pupils are advised that if they bring a mobile phone onto the academy grounds during the school day, their parents need to complete the Mobile Phone Contract and they must hand the phone in at the office before school and collect it at the end of the school day. The phones will be secured in the office and pupils can retrieve their phone at the end of the day. If pupils do bring their mobile phone to school it must be clearly marked with their name.

Please note that if a parent/carer has signed the Mobile Phone Contract, SCSP will not be responsible for any misuse of mobile phones (e.g. taking inappropriate photographs, sending bullying text messages, prank calls etc.) outside of the school grounds/day. Although we teach appropriate use of mobile technologies as part of our computing curriculum, we feel that the use of personal mobile phones during lesson times would be unduly disruptive and that should pupils need the use of mobile technologies to assist their learning, these will be provided in the lesson by the academy.

## Sanctions

In line with our Behaviour Policy, pupils who fail to follow these guidelines, the following sanctions may be applied:

- Confiscation of the mobile phone (handed back to parent at the end of the day).
- Communication with parents/carers regarding mobile phone use at school.

For more information regarding the safe use and misuse of mobile phones, please refer to the attached Sheffield Safeguarding Children guidance.