



Policy Name: Mobile Phone Policy

Policyholder: Sam Pedder, Vice Principal

Mobile Phone Policy: Jumeirah College

Rationale:

This new mobile phone policy has been introduced to support a focused, respectful, and engaging learning environment for all students. Mobile phones can be a major distraction during the school day, impacting concentration, reducing face-to-face social interaction, and increasing the risk of issues such as cyberbullying and inappropriate use of social media. By removing phone use during school hours, we aim to promote better academic performance, stronger personal connections, and a more positive and inclusive school culture. This policy is designed to help students stay present, reduce anxiety, and develop healthy, balanced habits around technology.

Purpose

This policy aims to ensure a focused, respectful, and disruption free learning environment for all students and staff. The presence and use of mobile phones during the school day can interfere with teaching, learning, and the wellbeing of students.

Policy Statement

Students are not permitted to use or display mobile phones at any time during the school day, unless under the direct supervision of teachers for educational purposes. This includes before school, during lessons, break times, lunchtimes, and between lessons.

Expectations

- Mobile phones must be switched off (not on silent mode or airplane mode) as soon as students enter the school gates.
- Mobile phones must be kept out of sight throughout the entire school day.
- Students will be reminded at the school gates to ensure their mobile phone has been switched off each morning.
- Apple Pay will not be available in the school canteen. Students must bring a debit card or cash to pay for items purchased in the canteen.

Consequences for Breach of Policy

- If a student is seen with a mobile phone, or if it is heard or used in any way, it will be immediately confiscated by a member of staff.
- Confiscated phones will be:
 - Taken to the school reception for secure storage. The following behaviour policy will be applied:
 - Stage 1: Mobile phone confiscated and must be collected by a parent.
 - Stage 2: Mobile phone confiscated and must be collected by a parent, and after school pastoral support session 3.10pm - 4.00pm.

- Stage 3: Mobile phone confiscated and must be collected by a parent, and internal suspension for 2 days.
- Stage 4: Mobile phone confiscated and must be collected by a parent, and external suspension for 3 days.
- A meeting will be held with parents and the Vice Principal/Principal to discuss future conduct if a student reaches Stage 3.

Emergency Contact

- In case of an emergency, parents should contact the school reception if they need to speak to their child, and the school will reach out to the student.
- Students who need to pass an emergency message to parents, will be allowed to do so from the school reception.
- If a student contacts their parents using their mobile phone during the school day, the behaviour policy (as stated above) will be followed.

Exemptions

Any exemptions to this policy (e.g., for medical reasons) must be approved in advance by Sam Pedder, Vice Principal, and documented accordingly.

Communication of this policy

This policy shall be communicated to all students, parents and staff through official school channels, including the school website and parent newsletters.

Review:

This policy will be reviewed annually by Sam Pedder, Vice Principal.

Date of next review: August 2027