

Madeley Academy



Mobile Phone Policy

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Introduction and Purpose

Madeley Academy is committed to providing a focused and safe social learning environment for all students. To help reduce distractions, prevent cyberbullying, and protect student mental health, the Academy is a mobile phone-free zone.

In line with recent DfE Guidance, our policy is to ensure that the Academy day is free from any disruption by mobile technology, this will allow students to focus on their education and encourage face-to-face socialisation.

Mobile phones should be "Never Used, Never Seen, Never Heard"

On arrival the Academy operates a "Never Used, Never Seen, Never Heard" policy for all students. Mobile phones and smart devices should be switched off and kept, either in a blazer pocket or Academy bag (If the bag is never left unattended).

This policy applies from the moment a student enters the Academy until they leave at the end of the day. It includes lesson times, transition on corridors, break, and lunchtimes.

Sanctions and Confiscation

Failure to adhere to the "Never Used, Never Seen, Never Heard" rule will result in the following sanctions:

- Confiscation: Any device seen or heard will be confiscated by staff and placed in a secure location in an Academy office locked cabinet
- Duration: The device may be collected by the student at the end of the day
- Legal Power: Under Section 91 of the Education and Inspections Act 2006, staff have the right to sanction students for the misuse of mobile phones and to confiscate devices

Safeguarding and Data

- Photography/Filming: Taking photos or videos on Academy premises is strictly prohibited.
- Examination of Data: If a device is confiscated and staff suspect it contains evidence of a crime or harmful material, the Academy reserves the right to examine the data or hand the device to the Police.

Exceptions and Medical Needs

In accordance with the Equality Act 2010, reasonable adjustments will be made for:

- Medical Monitoring: Students who require a mobile device for medical reasons must have a verified confirmation from a healthcare provider.
- Young Carers: Students with significant caring responsibilities may be granted specific, supervised access to a phone via their Pastoral Team.

Emergency Contact

- Students to Parents: If a student needs to contact home, they should go to the Attendance Office.
- Parents to Students: Parents should not call or text their child's phone during the day. All emergency messages should be relayed through the Main reception on Tel: 01952 527700

Responsibility for Loss/Damage

The Academy accepts no responsibility for the loss, theft, or damage of any personal mobile device brought onto the premises. Students bring devices to Academy entirely at their own risk.