



Policy title	Mobile phone and devices policy
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The purpose of this policy is to:

- Promote a safe and productive, distraction free learning environment
- Protect pupils and staff from potential distraction, misuse or safeguarding risks associated with mobile phones
- Clearly communicate expectations regarding mobile phone use on school premises

### Policy Statement

- Pupils must not use mobile phones or similar electronic devices on school premises during the school day (from arrival to departure).
- Pupils must keep phones switched off and stored in their Yondr pouches during the school day.
- The use of mobile phones is not permitted during lessons, break times, lunchtime, or between lessons.
- The school accepts no liability for loss, theft or damage to mobile phones brought onto school premises.

In line with DfE guidance, the use of a mobile phone/personal device is not permitted in school for years 7-11. This policy is applicable for all pupils in Years 7 to 11 (rules for Sixth Form students are slightly different as noted below).

King David High School recognise that mobile phones are an important part of life and are useful tools for a pupil's security and safety. Whilst acknowledging this we are also aware of the potential disruption to lessons and the ability to carry out negative behaviour that can occur with the use of mobile phones. Therefore, KDHS has a policy that balances these two issues and has a strict no personal electronic device policy for pupils including mobile phones and all other items listed below.

- Mobile Phones
- 'Smart watches'
- Headphones
- Non-learning ipads/tablets
- Music Players
- Handheld game playing systems such as a Nintendo Switch
- Any other device that can be used for taking photos, recording sound or video, sharing, searching, storing or receiving information.

The Yondr Program utilises a simple, secure pouch that stores a phone. Every student will secure their phone in a personally assigned Yondr pouch when they arrive at school. Students will maintain possession of their phones and will not use them until their pouches are opened



at the end of the school day. Students are required to bring their Yondr pouch to and from school each day and are responsible for their pouch at all times.

Pupils may have their phones with them for travel to and from school. However, ALL phones must not be used once on site and phones must be switched off and locked in pupils own Yondr pouches during the school day. Pupils may unlock their pouches at the end of the school day.

If a pupil is found using their mobile phone or any device listed above (this includes the device ringing, vibrating or making sounds to notify the user of alerts etc.) it will be confiscated. A confiscated phone will only be returned to parents and not to the pupils. If a pupil has forgotten their Yondr pouch- they can hand their phone in to the office without receiving a sanction- the office staff will monitor how often this happened and contact parents if a new Yondr pouch is needed.

If a pupil needs to contact home they should use the school office. If parents need to contact pupils they should use the school office.

Staff have the power to search pupils' phones as set out in the Department for Education's (DfE's) guidance on searching, screening and confiscation. Under the direction of the Headteacher, staff can search a pupil's phone if they have reason to believe the phone contains indecent images, or if it is being/has been used to commit an offence or cause personal injury. All searches must be authorised by the Headteacher or the Designated Safeguarding Lead (as a delegated power).

Sixth Form students are not permitted to use phones during lessons (unless specifically instructed by a teacher) or on the corridors. They may use their phones for study in the Sixth Form library and study rooms. They must not take pictures or videos of themselves, other students or staff. Please see JCQ exam regulations for the rules around mobile phones and examinations. These will be clearly displayed to pupils in school and they risk disqualification if they are not followed. Sixth form pupils are not permitted to use their phones in any other communal school areas.

If a pupil is seen with a mobile phone (or listed banned items) the below sanctions will apply (this includes a second phone where only one is placed in a Yondr pouch)

Offence	Sanction and follow up procedures.	Monitored by
If a mobile phone or listed item is seen in school	Mobile phone (or listed item) confiscated immediately and then handed to the school office before school. The school office will contact parents to collect the phone (or item). After school detention issued to the pupil with a C4. Yondr pouch to be checked by Head of Year for damage or misuse. If a new Yondr pouch is needed- parents will need to purchase this on Parent Pay.	Office staff and Head of Year.



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In addition to the above any poor behaviour involving a mobile phone, such as the use of camera or cyber-bullying will be dealt with regarding the incident and is also likely to result in a pupil having to hand their phone in each day. This includes taking images or recording on the school bus or outside of the school gates.

Any exceptions for use of a mobile phone such as medical or special educational needs will be considered by the Assistant Headteacher on a case-by-case basis.

Please be advised that, as many smartwatches are connected to mobile phones, smartwatches in school are now listed as a banned item and will result in disciplinary action similar to the use of a mobile phone. Smartwatches will fit in the Yondr pouch alongside a mobile phone.

King David High School accepts no responsibility for mobile phones or devices that are lost, damaged or stolen on school premises, on transport during school visits or trips, or while pupils are travelling to and from school.