

BOWER PARK ACADEMY



MOBILE PHONE/ELECTRONIC DEVICE POLICY

As part of our safeguarding procedures, any mobile phone/electronic device which are used during school hours will be confiscated and retained for a period of time. Digital technology has increased the potential for cameras and images to be misused and inevitably there will be concerns about the risk to which children and young people may be exposed. We have a duty of care to ensure our students' online safety and that students' privacy is not compromised in respect of our Consent Policy for Use of Photographs.

Any mobile phone/electronic device should be turned off and placed in the student's bag **before** they enter the school and should not be taken back out until the student **leaves** the premises.

For a first offence the mobile phone/electronic device will be confiscated until the end of the day. If a second offence occurs during the same week the mobile phone/electronic device will be placed in the school safe until a parent/carer collects it.

Should you wish to contact your child urgently during school hours please telephone the school office and any messages will be passed on to your child. Similarly, if your child needs to contact you urgently during school hours they will be able to go to the school office to do so.

Mobile phones/electronic devices are becoming a hindrance to learning within the school. Under no circumstances will any mobile phones/electronic devices be returned before the period of time mentioned above.