

## **Electronic Devices**

**(Mobile phones, MP3 players, I Pods, I Pads etc)**

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At Spenn Valley High School we recognise that there is an increasing dependence by all on new technologies. However we also recognise that the possession and use of some mobile technologies can be highly disruptive to learning.

We appreciate that many young people carry mobile phones so that they can contact parents on the way to or from school, should an emergency arise. If an emergency should happen during the course of the school day then students/parents may be contacted via the school switchboard. It is not appropriate for students to contact parents during the school day by phone call, e mail or text. Nor is it appropriate for parents to contact their children in the same way. If an incident occurs during the day we need to make sure that the school is in full possession of the facts before parents are contacted.

We have extremely restricted access to the internet on the school ICT system. Staff and students are not allowed to access social networking sites or gaming sites. Nor are they allowed access to sites that are deemed to have inappropriate sexual content or those that contain references to drugs and alcohol. We are aware that, until the law may change, many students can access such sites via their mobile phone.

To this end the following will apply:

- Students may bring electronic devices to school for use on the way to or from school only.
- Electronic devices may not be used at any time on the school site during the school day, including before and up to the end of school, break time, lunch time and between lessons.
- Electronic devices must be switched off and kept out of sight at all times during the school day, including before and up to the end of school, break time, lunch time and between lessons. They should be kept in students' bags. Electronic devices kept in shirt pockets will be deemed as being visible.
- Any electronic device (whether it is being used or not) seen by a member of staff during the school day will be confiscated. Parents/carers will be contacted by school if a device is confiscated. The device will be placed in the school safe where it will remain for a maximum of three school days. The device may be collected by a parent at any time during this period.
- Any student refusing to hand over an electronic device to a member of staff will automatically move to C6 on the Behaviour Policy. This carries the risk of internal isolation or a fixed term exclusion.