

# MOBILE PHONES IN SCHOOL PERMISSION FORM

NAME OF STUDENT:	STUDENT MOBILE NUMBER:
FORM:	
I wish my child to have a mobile phone with him/her in school for the following reason(s):	
I acknowledge that the school accepts no responsibility for the loss or damage to my child's phone.	
NAME OF PARENT/CARER:	
SIGNATURE OF PARENT/CARER:	
DATE:	

*Please ask yourself: "Does my child actually need a mobile phone in school?"*

Please consider the following:

- The vast majority of our students live no more than 1.5 miles from the school – in easy walking distance.
- The school has two payphones for student use.
- In an emergency, we will always allow students to use the school phone to contact you.
- If your child is unwell or in a very distressed state, the school will contact you straight away.
- The police are concerned at the rising number of mobile phone thefts from school children using their phone in the street. These thefts account for the recent considerable rise in 'street crime'.
- The growing 'second hand' market in mobile phones tempts some students to steal.
- Your child's mobile phone is a serious distraction if used in lesson time.

All other LEA secondary schools have outright bans on mobile phones in school. We do not wish to go down this route – unless a lack of co-operation forces it on us. In keeping with the ethos of the school, we wish to foster responsibility and co-operation with students. We would like, however, to make the possession of a mobile phone in school the exception rather than the 'norm'.

If your child does bring a mobile to school, the following apply:

- Mobiles must not be seen or used in lessons. Any students with a mobile in a lesson will have it confiscated. It may be collected that evening.
- A second confiscation of the phone from the same student will result in an outright ban on bring the mobile phone to school.
- The school accepts no liability for loss of or damage to the phone while on school premises or at any activity organised by the School. The phone is, at all times, the responsibility of the student.
- Repeated misuse of a mobile phone in school will result in confiscation with a request to a parent to collect the phone, rather than the school return it to the student.
- Where offensive or bullying text messages or voice mails have been sent to other students in school, the phone of the offender will be confiscated and returned to a parent. Please note that offensive messages may be recorded. These would be handed to the police if the offence was subject to police investigation.
- Students without a signed permission slip will have their phone confiscated.

If you wish your child to continue to bring a mobile phone to school we ask you to complete and return this form to the main office.