

Personal Mobile Phone/Technology Policy

Signed:

(Chair of Governors on behalf of the Governing Body)

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PENGLAIS PERSONAL MOBILE PHONE/TECHNOLOGY POLICY

This policy forms part of Ysgol Penglais School's strategy to raise standards at the school. From the moment a student enters the school site at Penglais they will be aware of the high expectations of them, and of the high standards they can achieve. It is an expectation that every student can achieve and be part of a culture of success. Mobile phones and other personal gadgets can distract from this.

The policy will also contribute to improved mental health and wellbeing of our students. It will reduce the potential risk of cyber bullying as students will not be able to access social media during the school day. It will also reduce the risk of damage or theft.

THE POLICY

Mobile phones are not to be used on the school site by students other than by the 6th form in particular circumstances. Sixth formers are allowed to use their phones within the Sixth Form Centre but not on the rest of the school site.

If a student is learning online, they may only use the mobile phone during lessons if this is their way accessing online materials.

Mobile phones should not be seen or heard in school at any time during the school day.

On arriving at the school site phones/gadgets and earphones/headphones must be placed in school bags and must not be removed from there until leaving the school site at the end of the day.

While on school site phones must be on silent or switched off.

Students are not allowed to use phones during lessons, at breaktimes and lunchtimes, within the school building or outside.

Should a student be seen with a mobile phone a sanction will be put in place.

Mobile phones cannot be used as calculators, cameras or in order to check the time during the school day.

Should a student need to contact home during the day then they may do so at the office of their Year Leader, the Student Support Team, the Attendance Office or Main Reception.

Should parents/guardians wish to contact their child in school they must use the school landline number.

If students take a mobile phone into an external exam then the sanctions will be in line with the exam board's regulations.

Should a student choose to bring a phone to school and keep it in their bag, the school accepts no responsibility for loss or damage.

