

Dear Parents and Carers

## **Re: Mobile Phone Policy**

I am writing to outline the changes to Caludon's mobile phone policy that came into effect on 6 September 2021.

We do acknowledge that there are many arguments for students to have access to their mobile phone, but that there are equally a significant number of arguments against their use during the school day. In establishing what is best for our Caludon students, we have considered the following:

- Student safety
- Students' digital learning opportunities
- Students' access to their parents and vice versa
- The impact upon students' mental health
- How students communicate with each other
- Students' access to and sharing of online content

### **Student safety**

Given that the primary benefit of having a mobile phone is our students' safety walking to and from school, we have ensured that the policy allows the carrying of a phone at school as long as it is not seen or heard. This means that all students in years 7-11 will be required to turn off their phones and store them in a blazer pocket or school bag when on the school premises.

### **Students' digital learning opportunities**

We are fully committed to the benefits of online learning resources and are consequently investing in more class sets of iPads and introducing a 1:1 iPad scheme for years 7 and 12 initially. In order to facilitate some learning activities in lessons, there may be occasions when students are permitted to use their mobile phone for a learning activity under the instruction and supervision of their class teacher.

### **Students' access to their parents and vice versa**

There are occasions when students and parents need to be in contact during the school day. We will clearly signpost where students can request access to a school phone in order to make essential calls home. Our reception staff will also be able to handle urgent and essential messages for students from parents and carers, should they be required. Our Year Leaders will always contact parents and carers if there is an issue that requires prompt attention.

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A copy of the policy can be found on the school website: <https://www.caludoncastle.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2021/07/Mobile-Phone-Policy-Jun2021.pdf>

A summary of the policy is below:

- Mobile phones should not be seen or heard on the school premises.
- Mobile phones cannot be used at any time during the school day, including break and lunchtime.
- For the purpose of completing a learning task, teachers may occasionally give permission and supervise the use of a mobile phone during a lesson.
- Any mobile phone that is heard or seen will be confiscated and held in reception until 3.30pm on that same day.
- If a mobile phone is confiscated 3 or more times, it will be held until a parent or carer collects it.
- The behaviour policy will be followed regarding any non-compliance with the mobile phone policy.
- Students in the Sixth Form have additional mobile phone privileges which are outlined in the policy.

Thank you for your support.

Yours faithfully



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