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Mobile Phone Policy

From 29 June 2026, all schools in England have a statutory duty to have regard to the government's new mobile phone guidance. This guidance makes the national expectation very clear: schools should be mobile phone-free environments during the school day.

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.

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 moving between lessons, 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 student services until 3.40pm on that same day.
- If a mobile phone is confiscated 3 or more times, it will be held in reception 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.
- Students with medical needs or agreed reasonable adjustments will, of course, continue to be supported.