

Branston Junior Academy Mobile Phone Policy

1. Purpose of the Policy

This policy aims to establish a mobile phone ban during the school day to create a calm and focused learning environment, reduce distractions, and promote positive behaviour among pupils.

2. Applicability

All pupils at Branston Junior Academy are prohibited from using mobile phones during school hours, including lessons, breaks, and lunchtimes. Special considerations will be made for pupils with disabilities or medical needs.

4. Management of Mobile Phones

- Pupils may store phones in lockers or hand them to staff at the start of the day.
- Parents are encouraged to contact pupils via the school office during school hours.

5. Storage of Mobile Phones

In order to prohibit mobile phone use, devices will need to be stored across the school day. In order to do this the following must happen.

1. Parents **MUST** complete and sign a 'Mobile Phone and Computerised Watch Consent Form' (a new one is required at the start of every academic year).
2. The mobile phone/computerised watch **MUST** have the child's name securely on it.
3. The child needs to place their phone/computerised watch in the basket provided in their Class at the beginning of the day.
4. The mobile phone/computerised watch **MUST** be shut down / switched off whilst it is being stored at school on entering the school grounds.
5. The child's phone/computerised watch is returned to their class at the end of the day

6. Sanctions and Enforcement

- Staff have the authority to confiscate phones if the policy is breached.
- Confiscation will be proportionate and consider individual circumstances, including SEND or medical needs.
- Searching pupils for mobile phones is permitted under statutory powers if there is reasonable suspicion.

7. Reasonable Adjustments and Exceptions

- Reasonable adjustments will be made for pupils needing phone access for medical purposes, in compliance with the Equality Act 2010 and Children and Families Act 2014.
- Flexibility may be considered in exceptional cases, while maintaining necessary restrictions.

8. Mobile Phone Use Outside the School Day

- Restrictions on phone use during school trips or residential activities will be considered to protect the educational experience.

9. Actions and Recommendations

- Review and update the school behaviour policy to include a mobile phone prohibition.
- Develop clear communication plans to inform pupils, parents, and staff about the policy.
- Establish arrangements for phone storage or collection.
- Train staff on enforcement and their rights regarding confiscation and searching.

Mobile Phone and Computerised Watch Parental Consent Form

Dear Family,

At Branston Junior Academy we understand that Mobile Phones can be a useful communication device outside of the school grounds. However, inside the school grounds we aim for a safe and welcoming learning space for all free from distraction. To help us with this please read the following information and complete the permission form attached.

1. Parents **MUST** complete and sign a 'Mobile Phone and Computerised Watch Consent Form' (a new one is required at the start of every academic year).
2. The mobile phone/computerised watch **MUST** have your child's name securely on it.
3. Your child needs to place their phone/computerised watch in the basket provided in their class at the beginning of the day.
4. The mobile phone/computerised watch **MUST** be shut down / switched off before entering the school grounds.
5. Your child's phone/computerised watch will be returned at the end of the day

Please note that:

- *the school does not accept any liability for loss or damage of pupil phones/computerised watches whilst they are on school premises*



BRANSTON JUNIOR ACADEMY MOBILE PHONE AND COMPUTERISED WATCH PARENTAL CONSENT FORM

I give permission for _____ to bring their mobile phone to school and I understand that this will be stored across the school day. I also understand the mobile phone must be turned off as my child enters the school grounds.

My child requires their mobile phone/computerised watch in school because:

We have read the information in the BJA mobile phone and computerised watch parental consent letter and in the policy and understand all implications.

Signed

Date.....

Please return permission slip to school.

For office use:

_____ Academic year

Signed: _____