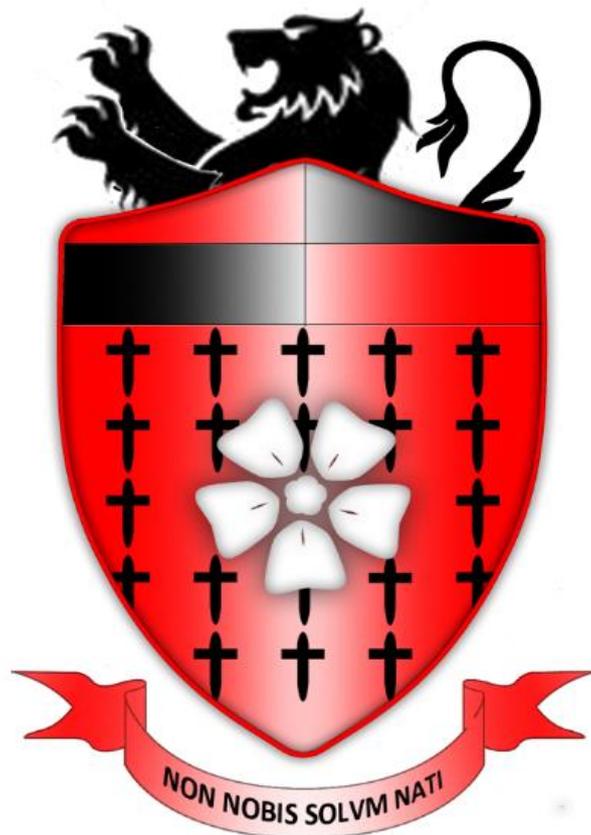


# Hornsea School & Language College



## Mobile Phone Policy

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### **Rationale**

Mobile phones are now a feature of modern society and most of our pupils own one.

Increasing sophistication of mobile phone technology presents a number of issues for schools:

- The high value of many phones.
- The integration of cameras into phones leading to potential child protection and data protection issues.
- The potential to use the phone e.g. for texting whilst on silent mode.

It is not realistic to prohibit phones being brought to school, nor is it logistically possible for schools to collect phones in each morning and return them in the afternoon. It is our policy to allow pupils to have a mobile phone with them in school under the conditions outlined in the policy below.

### **Policy**

1. Phones must not be used in classrooms unless a member of staff gives permission
2. Otherwise phones must always be switched off (not on silent mode) and kept out of view.
3. If a pupil breaches these rules the phone will be confiscated and given in to the main office. Each time a phone is confiscated the parents/carers will be notified. If a phone is confiscated for a second time during a term parents/carers will be contacted and asked to come and collect the phone.
4. If a student is released during a lesson then they must leave their mobile phone in their bag in the classroom.
5. Phones must not be taken into examinations.

This policy should be read in conjunction with the school's other policies in particular the Behaviour Policy.

### **Emergencies**

If a pupil needs to contact his/her parents/guardians they will be allowed to use a school phone.

If parents need to contact children urgently they should phone the school office and a message will be relayed promptly.

### **Responsibility for mobile phones:**

School accepts no responsibility **whatsoever** for theft, loss, damage or health effects (potential or actual) relating to mobile phones. It is the responsibility of parents and pupils to ensure mobile phones are properly insured.