

**CHRIST'S HOSPITAL**  
**PUPIL MOBILE PHONE POLICY**

**Aim**

1. This policy explains the circumstances in which pupils may, and may not, use mobile phones at School. For details about safe and appropriate use, see Pupil ICT Code of Conduct – Acceptable Use Policy and Pupil Anti-Bullying Policy.

**Introduction**

2. Mobile phones are part of our lives and are both an asset and a distraction. Therefore, it is incumbent on the School to educate pupils about the sensible use of mobile phones. The School is keen to explore ways in which they can be used to help pupils with their learning, but is also aware that young people need help managing the distractions that they cause.

**Use of phones whilst in Housey**

3. Pupils are permitted to carry phones whilst in Housey. However, they should not be used or visible between lessons, when pupils are walking around the site or in main School buildings such as Chapel and Big School. There must be no use of personal headphones/buds whilst in Housey.
4. Pupils may not use phones in Dining Hall during breakfast and lunch, but may do so at tea and Sunday brunch.

**Use of phones in lessons**

5. Phones are an important technological tool for supporting the educative process and may be used frequently in class time, but this will be at the discretion of the teacher. Pupils are not permitted to use phones, nor may they be visible, in lessons, unless they have been given express permission to do so by their teacher.
5. The sanction for having a phone out whilst in Housey, or inappropriately in a lesson, is its confiscation for 24 hours; the phone is kept with the houseparent.

**Use of phones in boarding houses**

6. Pupils may use their phones for prep and for communication with friends and family in their free time. The O2-UF will hand their phones in at night; those in the GE and above are strongly encouraged to turn their phones off at lights out.

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