



Leighton Park  
School

## **Mobile Phone Policy**

### Policy for the use of Mobile Phones and Pagers

1. Mobile phones, pagers and similar devices brought to school are entirely at the parents' risk.
2. We advise that mobile phones, pagers and similar devices should be insured against theft, damage, loss and abuse.
3. Mobile phones, pagers and similar devices must not be used for any form of communication other than for a specific purpose authorised by a member of staff, during the formal part of the day, during prep, study periods, during meals or at night.
4. The Housemaster, Head of Fryer or other member of staff may insist that the mobile phone, pager or similar device is lodged with them.
5. Pupils who abuse the privilege of having such a device will not be allowed to have the device in school \*
6. The telephone number or pager number must be logged with the Housemaster/Head of Fryer.

### **Government Health Warning**

The widespread use of mobile phones, by children, for nonessential calls should be discouraged because: "if there are currently unrecognised adverse health effects from the use of mobile phones, children may be more vulnerable because of their developing nervous system, the greater absorption of energy in the tissues of the head and a longer lifetime of exposure."

\*Misuse of a mobile phone, pager or similar device will result in the item being confiscated by a member of staff who will hand it in at reception where it will be kept until the end of the day, when the pupil will be allowed to collect the item. The member of staff will record the incident on Schoolbase.

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