

Mobile Device Policy 2017/18



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Hall Cross Academy operates a philosophy of allowing students to develop their ability to use new technologies in an appropriate manner to enhance their learning. To this end, their mobile devices are permitted in school. Students should regard this as a privilege and treat this with the necessary respect. The following list of expectations were compiled by a group of students to outline students' responsibilities with their mobile device usage.

1. Mobile devices will be allowed to be brought to school.
2. Mobile devices are the responsibility of the owner of the device and the Academy is not liable for loss, theft or damage.
3. Mobile devices are not to be used during lesson times except with the express permission of the teacher for lesson and educational purposes.
4. Mobile devices are to only be used in lessons as an alternative to laptops, iPods or iPads which are provided by the Academy.
5. Mobile devices should not be charged using Academy electricity sockets or USB sockets on computers
6. Mobile devices can still be confiscated by staff if students disobey class instructions or use them without permission.
7. Mobile devices can be used outside of lessons along with access to the Academy wifi and network resources.
8. Students must access internet and other resources through the Academy wireless connection, rather than their own mobile internet provider, while in the Academy. Any attempt to circumvent the wifi filtering (eg. by using a VPN) will result in immediate loss of wifi access and possibly total network blocking.
9. Only appropriate websites as defined in the safety policy and decided by staff can be accessed through wifi.
10. In accordance with the safety policy, students must accept the trust placed in them by the Academy and agree to the responsible use of their mobile devices while on Academy premises. This includes not installing any apps or software that will enable their device to bypass school filtering and monitoring procedures.
11. Parents should be aware of students bringing their mobile devices into school
12. Unless express permission is granted mobile phones should not be used during lessons to make calls, send messages such as SMS, BBM or iMessage, surf the internet or take photographs or videos
13. When in lessons mobile devices should be on silent or turned off so as to not disturb the lesson with ringtones or alerts
14. Using a mobile phone to bully or threaten other students is not allowed and there will be severe consequences for students breaking this rule
15. Mobile phones should not be taken into examination rooms in accordance with examination regulations
16. Teachers can, if they wish, allow students to use the functions on their mobile devices such as video or sound recording, cameras and internet access to aid in teaching and learning.
17. The privacy of mobile phone calls and texts is the responsibility of the students but other students or staff should not access the texts or calls of other students.
18. Students should not publish videos or photographs of other students or staff to social networks or distribute without their permission.