Marshland HIGH SCHOOL
West Norfolk Academies Trust

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Dear Parents and Carers,

IMPORTANT INFORMATION – MOBILE PHONE POLICY

Changes from September 2026

I am writing as a reminder about an important change to our **Mobile Phone Policy**, which came into effect from the start of this academic year.

You may be aware of **updated government statutory guidance which states that all schools should be mobile phone-free environments by default, with anything other than this being by exception only**.

The full government guidance can be found here: Mobile phones in schools – GOV.UK

At Marshland High School, we are strengthening our approach to ensure that mobile phones do not disrupt learning, social interaction, behaviour or the wider school environment.

What are the rules?

From September 2026:

- Mobile phones must be **switched off when students arrive at school**.
- Phones must be **stored securely inside the student's school bag**.
- Phones must **not be stored in blazer pockets, trouser pockets, coat pockets or anywhere else on the student's person**.
- Phones must remain **switched off and in bags throughout the school day**.
- Students must not take their phone out of their bag during the school day unless specifically given permission by a member of staff.

What happens if a phone is seen, heard or used?

If a member of staff sees, hears or becomes aware that a student is using or carrying their phone in breach of the policy, the phone will be confiscated.

Students are expected to hand over their phone when reasonably requested to do so. Refusal to follow this reasonable instruction may result in further behaviour sanctions.

Parents/carers should also be aware that the school has the authority to retain a confiscated mobile phone for as long as it considers appropriate. The length of time will depend on the circumstances and the student's previous behaviour.

Repeated breaches

Where a student repeatedly breaks the mobile phone rules, we may require them to leave their mobile phone at home and attend school without it.

Students who are subject to this requirement may also be randomly checked to ensure that they are complying with the expectation and have not brought a mobile phone onto the school site.

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This is a consequence of repeated failure to follow the school's expectations and is intended to prevent the behaviour from continuing.

Contacting home during the school day

Students must not use their mobile phone to contact parents or carers during the school day.

If a student contacts home using their mobile phone and the school believes this has happened, the phone will be confiscated when the student returns to school.

If you need to contact your child during the school day, please contact the school office and we will ensure that an appropriate message is passed on.

Similarly, if your child needs to contact you, they should speak to a member of staff or the school office rather than using their mobile phone.

Your support is extremely important

Please talk to your child about these changes and make sure they understand the expectations.

In particular, please remind them:

OFF → IN BAG → LEFT ALONE

We also ask for you to support the school when a phone is confiscated and not contact the school to negotiate its immediate return or ask for exceptions to be made.

The policy is designed to provide clear and consistent expectations for all students, and we need parents and carers to reinforce these expectations at home.

We will continue to monitor mobile phone incidents and confiscations throughout the year to assess the effectiveness of the policy and determine whether any further measures are required. Our full policy can be found here:
https://www.marshlandhigh.co.uk/_site/data/files/B0A833C49AAF27A3D30730E97FE111A0.pdf

Thank you for your continued support in helping us maintain a positive, safe and focused environment for all students at Marshland High School.

Kind regards,

Mr James Crawley
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