



Mobile Phone Policy

Learners have never been allowed to use mobile phones at NEP. The Project manager has reviewed this and concluded that their use is detrimental to learning and is a safeguarding issue. We recognise that Learners will have phones and parents/carers wish them to have them but they must be in a pocket or a bag and turned off. Learners who are checking messages or accessing applications in session are not engaged in the lesson and are subject to distraction. This is counterproductive to our core school business which is learning. Learners are not allowed to listen to music in session.

In Session

On entering the session Learners are given the option to place their phone in the tray provided. The phone will be handed back at the end of the lesson. Learners who use their phone will be dealt with by staff team and their phone confiscated until their parent/carer collects their phone from the office.

Out of Session

There is no good reason for Learners to be in contact with each other or their parents during the school day. If an urgent message is to be relayed, then this can be done so via the office. Rapid communications can lead to discipline issues and are therefore not acceptable. Learners checking phones on corridors are a safety issue and often lead to late arrival in session.

Sanctions

All staff should adopt a "don't ignore it don't condone it" policy. All adults passing Learners using a phone should simply state "put your phone away please." In cases of defiant behaviour in session then help should be sent for. Learners who refuse to adhere to this policy will be dealt with by staff and their phone confiscated until their parent/carer collects their phone from the office.