

Dear Parent/Carer,

We would like to remind parents and students that mobile phones are not allowed out during the school day at Stephenson Studio School. While we understand that you may wish your child to take a mobile phone with them to school so that you can contact them after school, all students should ensure their phones are switched off and put into a bag or a locker for the whole day.

We would also like to remind students and parents that should your child get their phone out during the school day it will be confiscated.

If your child argues with their teacher, or refuses to hand over the mobile phone, the phone will be returned to you as the parent rather than to the child so that we can discuss your child's management of the mobile phone. Continued failure to comply will lead to exclusion.

Can we reiterate that if you wish to communicate with your child during the school day, you should do that via either an email to your child's tutor or a telephone call to reception. Similarly, if your child needs to contact you this should be done via the reception. Any student communicating with their parent during the school day will risk having their mobile phone confiscated.

While mobile phones bring many benefits they also pose significant issues for schools both in terms of disruption to learning but also in provoking problems between students.

We thank you for your continued support in managing this issue.

Yours sincerely,

Mr Collishaw
Deputy Headteacher