



# Mobile Phone Policy

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Rhyl High School (Secondary)

All Schools (please name)

Other (please name)

Headteachers Signature:

Date: 1 July 2025

Mr P. Collins

Chair of Governors Signature:

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# Acceptable Use Policy for Mobile Devices

<b>School</b>	Rhyl High School
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<b>Chair of Governors</b>	Mike Harris

## **Acceptable Use Policy for Mobile Devices**

### **Introduction**

*The term 'mobile device' in this policy denotes mobiles phones, iPods, MP3, MP4 players, and any similar portable electronic devices that can be used for gaming, messaging, recording or running social media apps. This includes air pods / headphones.*

### **1. Rationale**

- 1.1. For many young people the ownership of a mobile device is considered a necessary and vital part of their life. These devices have many functions which improve our lives. However, they have certain negative consequences when not used properly in a school setting.
- 1.2. There is an expanding body of evidence, both scientific and anecdotal, that there is a direct link between increased screen time and a range of negative outcomes including reduced academic performance, increased mental ill-health issues and reduced physical fitness.
- 1.3. On a practical level, the use of mobile devices in corridors and between lessons discourages healthy social interaction, slows students down and causes accidents.
- 1.4. There is increasing evidence that students are using mobile devices to communicate inappropriately with each other or use social media during the school day.
- 1.5 The only exemption for use of a mobile phone in a classroom would be in a circumstance where a pupil with Type 1 diabetes would be permitted to check blood sugar levels. These pupils will be made known to staff through the school health care needs processes.
- 1.6. Any student who brings a mobile device into school does so at their own risk and school will not be held responsible for any loss, theft or damage.

## 2. Policy

**Mobile phones not be seen or heard in a classroom or corridor.**

**The classroom is to be a no phone zone.**

Any mobile phones or ear pods/ headphones that are **seen or heard** in a classroom will be **confiscated**.

Classrooms are to be a no phone zone for pupils and staff.

### **Why we do this:**

- To support pupils with their wellbeing linked to issues around mobile phones.
- To prevent learning being disrupted by mobile phones in the classroom.

The process below is followed:

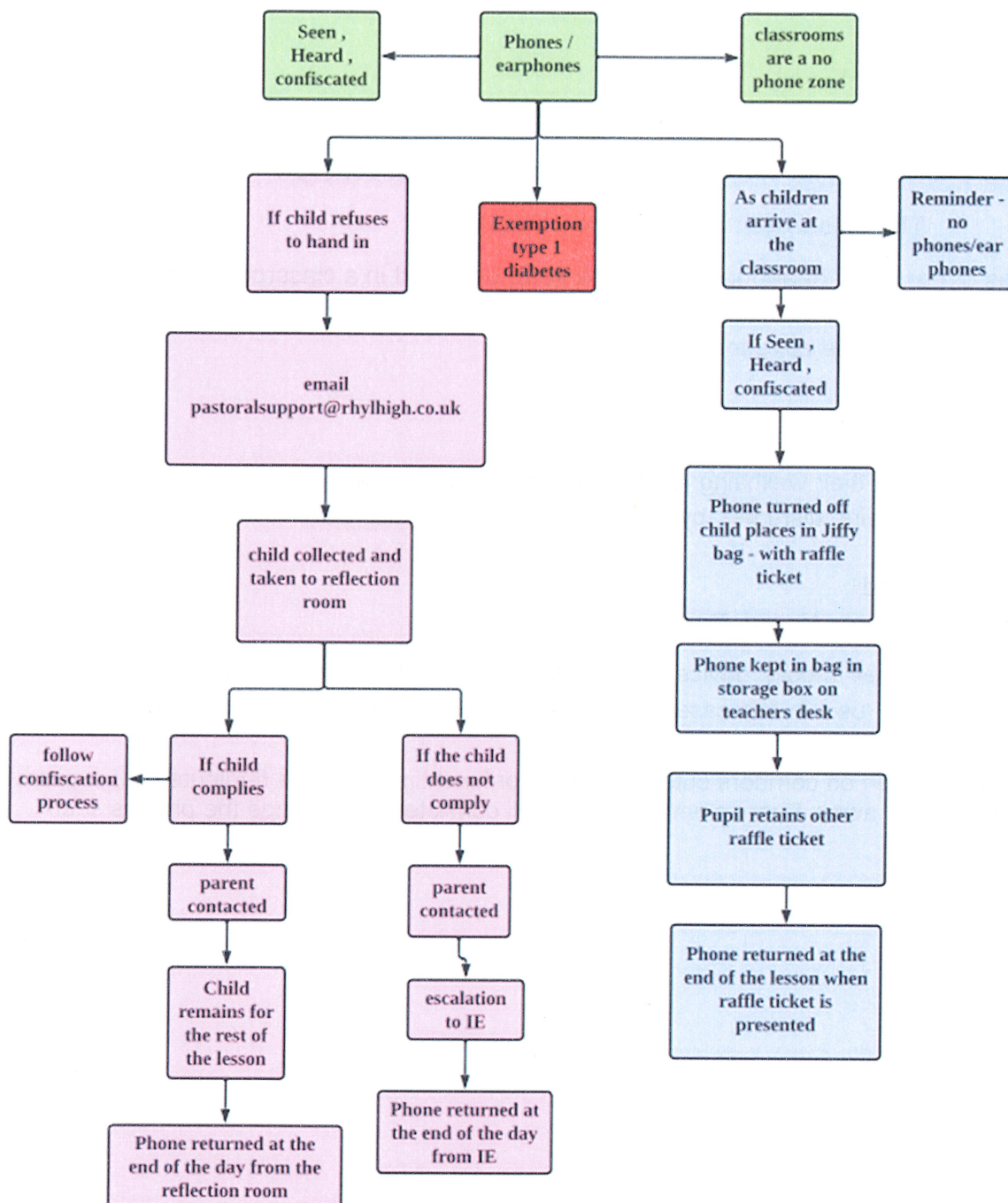
2.1. The simple rule is '**Seen, Heard, Confiscated**'.

2.2. Any student using their mobile device within a classroom will have their mobile device confiscated; 'use' in this case means if the mobile device is seen or heard.

Where a mobile phone is seen on corridors outside of break or lunchtime after the 5-minute bell, pupils will be asked to put their phones away. Every member of staff will consistently challenge the phones seen during these times.



## 2.6. Mobile phone confiscation process:



Start of lesson – Register Reminders re: phones / use phones

Phone seen or heard  
– told to turn off,  
confiscate by child  
placing in jiffy bag

Phone is kept in the jiffy  
bag in the storage box on  
the teacher's desk for  
remainder of the  
lesson and refile / not  
issued

Phone is to be  
returned to pupil  
at the end of the  
lesson, when  
CITRO SCOUT is  
presented

Non compliance  
– email [plato@support@hyhigh.co.uk](mailto:plato@support@hyhigh.co.uk),  
 pastoral support will arrive to collect pupil  
 and take to the Reflection room, and  
 parent will be notified. If pupil hands over  
 the phone, they will leave the ED at the  
 end of the lesson but the phone will be  
 kept all day. If refusal to hand phone over,  
 pupil will be escalated to Internal  
 Exclusion.

### 3. Unacceptable Use

- 3.1. Bullying, intimidation and harassment are not new in society, however, bullying using mobile technology represents a new challenge for schools to manage.
- 3.2. If the use of mobile technology humiliates, embarrasses or causes offence, it is unacceptable and will be dealt with in accordance with the school's Anti Bullying Policy.
- 3.3. The matter may also be reported to the Police. Whilst on school premises/activities, students must **NEVER** use their mobile device to photograph, film or record and/or upload onto the internet any content which references any student, member of staff or visitor.
- 3.4. Inappropriate material which has been accessed out of school must not be brought into school or shared with others.

### 4. Contact with Parents and carers

- 4.1. Communication between parents and carers and their children during the school day should occur through the school's official communication channels and not via a student's mobile device during lesson time.
- 4.2. In the case of an emergency, parents and carers should contact the school's reception first on 01745 343533 (rather than their child) so that staff are aware of any potential problems and can make any necessary arrangements to support their child.
- 4.3. If a student is ill or needs to contact his/her parents and carers they should refer the matter to a staff member who will advise the student and help to make the necessary arrangements.