

THE GILLFORD CENTRE

USE OF MOBILE PHONES BY PUPILS POLICY

This policy is based on advice from the Local Authority in Safety Advice Note – (G) 27 and existing good practice in the Pupil Referral Unit.

Pupils and parents are advised about the policy of mobile phone use at the pupil induction meeting prior to the start of provision at the PRU and a copy of the Policy is available to parents.

At the Gillford Centre, we discourage pupils from bringing mobile phones into the Centre on the grounds that they are valuable, may be lost or stolen and may cause disruption to lessons.

It is emphasised that there is no perceived need for pupils to bring mobile phones into the Centre. In an emergency situation, staff would ensure that pupils had access to a phone.

Should pupils bring mobile phones into the centre, they are requested to ensure that they are switched off and are handed to staff for safe keeping until the end of the day when they will be returned to the pupils. Phones may not be used for any purpose on school premises, grounds or during educational and off-site visits. All phones will be kept securely in labelled boxes in the main office.

Where a school pupil is found by a member of staff to be using a mobile phone as above, for any purpose, the phone will be confiscated from the pupil and returned at staff discretion either to the pupil at the end of the day or to the parent/carer who may be requested to collect the phone in person from the PRU.

This policy will be included in the Behaviour Policy and School Rules and breaches will be treated as would any other breach of school rules.