



JAMES GILLESPIE'S HIGH SCHOOL

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Mobile Phone Policy – September 2025

Information for Parents & Carers

Why this policy?

- To protect pupils' wellbeing during the school day.
- To reduce distractions and maximise learning.
- To encourage positive social interaction.


Core Rules

- Pupils should **not bring phones** to school.
- If a phone is needed (for medical or other appropriate reason like travel):
 - It must be **switched off** before entering school grounds.
 - It must remain **inaccessible** from **08:40–15:40** (including breaks and lunchtimes).
 - Phones must stay switched off and away in school bags.

Exceptions

- **Medical needs:** contact your child's Pupil Support Leader via the school office.

Emergencies:

- Pupils should speak to a teacher; all contact home goes through the school office.
 -  School office: **0131 447 1900**

Learning

- Pupils have iPads for educational use; personal devices are not required.

Implementation

- When a pupil does not follow the policy, the following steps will be taken:
 - The phone will be **confiscated until the end of the day**. They will be collected from the school office.
 - Parents/carers will be notified by email.
- Applies to **all mobile devices**.

Working Together

We will ask for support from home if we have repeated conflict over phones with young people. In this situation we would ask for phones to be kept at home.