

BRECHIN HIGH SCHOOL

SCHOOL POLICY on the use of MOBILE PHONE & MP PLAYERS

The purpose of this policy is to ensure learning and teaching is not interrupted through the misuse of mobile phone and MP players.

Mobile phones and MP players are part of everyday life. It is important, however to make sure that they are used properly and responsibly. Our aim, as a school, is to ensure all pupils have the opportunity to learn. This requires pupils to be able to listen to their teachers and their peers. The misuse of a phone or MP player will prevent pupils from learning and teachers from teaching.

SANCTIONS

- Mobile phones; MP players must be **switched off** and put away during **FORM TIME, DURING LESSONS and IN THE CORRIDORS**. They may be used responsibly at interval and lunchtimes in the Social Areas, the Canteen and outside.
- The use of mobile phones to record/take photographic images of other people in school is banned at all times.
- The misuse of either a mobile phone or MP3 player by a pupil will result in its confiscation.
- Repeated use or confiscation will result in a ban on that pupil bringing a mobile phone or MP3 player into school.
- Where pupils and/or parents refuse to keep to such a ban, then the pupil may be excluded from school.

CONFISCATION

- Where a mobile phone or MP player has been confiscated, every effort will be made to return it by the end of the school day. It is the responsibility of the pupil, however, to approach the member of staff who confiscated the device. When staff have confiscated a phone/MP player, they should record this on SEEMIS as a referral to the appropriate PT PCS **for information**. The Director of Education has asked schools to include this in their policy.

RECORDING THE MISUSE OF MOBILE PHONES/MP PLAYERS

To ensure a record of incidents of misuse is maintained, teachers should record on SEEMIS pupils who persistently misuse a phone or MP player. PT PCS and SMT will monitor persistent misuse and apply the sanctions above.

IMPLEMENTING THE POLICY

The impact of the policy will rely on all staff applying it in a fair and consistent manner. It should be applied in line with our Behaviour Management Policy, which recognises positive behaviour and corrects and supports pupils whose behaviour is inappropriate.

MONITORING THE POLICY

- Principal Teachers should ensure teachers within their Curriculum Group are following the policy through discussion and their ongoing programme of classroom observation.
- PT PCS and SMT should monitor the misuse of phones through the referral system on SEEMIS and apply the sanctions outlined above.