

Pershore High School Contract on Mobile Phone, Smart Watch and other Electrical Device Usage (September 2021)

By signing this contract, I/we understand and agree that:

1. Usage:

- 1.1 Mobile phones and other electronic devices should be turned off and out of sight between the first school bell of the day (8.47 am) and the final bell of the day (3.30 pm). In addition, Smart watch technology must not be used for any other functionality than confirming the time during the school day;
- 1.2 Before the first school bell of the day (8.47 am) and after the final bell of the day (3.30 pm), mobile phones and other electronic devices may be used without additional permission unless detained in class or for detention;
- 1.3 Mobile phones and other electronic devices must only be used with the permission of the member of staff in charge of the activity for which the device is required. School trips are considered to be lesson time and mobile phone and other electronic device usage or otherwise will be at the discretion of the teacher in charge;
- 1.4 Mobile phones and other electronic devices are not allowed in examination rooms – even if turned off and in a bag. (*These are national Examination Board rules*);
- 1.5 It is not acceptable to use a mobile phone in place of a clock/watch or calculator;
- 1.6 It is not acceptable to use a mobile phone to contact a parent/carer, without prior permission.
- 1.7 A mobile phone or other electronic device may only be brought to school if the school holds a completed 'Contract'.

2. Responsibility:

- 2.1 The mobile phone, other electronic device or smart watch is solely the responsibility of the owner at all times and the school accepts no responsibility at any time;
- 2.2 Parents/carers should not expect to be able to contact students through their mobile phone between 8.47am and the end of school bell. Messages should be passed via your House Office;
- 2.3 No responsibility is taken by the school for any mobile phone related illness caused by usage within the school site;
- 2.4 Mobile phones should be used responsibly at all times. Sanctions will result from the taking of photographs or videos (with additional sanctions if subsequently posted on social media); this will apply when the subject is in school uniform and/or on the school site, even with their permission.

3. Sanctions:

- 3.1 Any breach in the agreed rules will result in the confiscation of the mobile phone, other electronic device or smart watch and issuing of a sanction;
- 3.2 Confiscated mobile phones, other electronic devices or smart watches will be taken to the Leadership Team Office by the teacher who confiscates them. Mrs Roskelly will log and secure the item in a safe;
- 3.3 A confiscated device will only be returned when a fully signed 'Mobile Phone, Smart Watch and other Electronic Device Usage' Contract is held by the school and the device has been confiscated for the required amount of time (see 3.4). The sanction may or may not have been completed at this point;
- 3.4 The sanctions following a device confiscation are as follows:
First Offence: Returned at the end of the next school day. One lunchtime detention given.
Second Offence: Retained for three 'school' nights and returned at the end of the school day which follows the third night. Three lunchtime detentions given.
Third Offence: Retained for three 'school' nights and can only be collected by parent/carer. One after school detention given. Student banned from bringing the device in to school.
 A device confiscated on a Friday (first offence), or Wednesday to Friday (second offence), will be retained over a weekend;
- 3.5 Failure to hand over a mobile phone, smart watch or other electronic device when requested will be dealt with as gross disobedience.

Name of Student:		Tutor:	
I/We agree to the policy on Mobile Phone / Smart Watch & Other Electrical Device Usage from September 2021			
Signature of Student:		Date:	
Signature of Parent/Guardian:		Date:	