



The Oratory School (OS)

Mobile Phone Policy

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Background and aims

While the school recognises both the ubiquity and the benefits of owning a mobile phone, we are also mindful of an increased awareness in society on the addictive effects of mobile technology and the difficulty for pupils of escaping from their devices. This policy is designed to achieve the following:

- To educate all pupils about the proper use of mobile technology in society
- To encourage older pupils to take responsibility for the proper use of mobile technology
- To provide younger pupils with protection from the distractions and other dangers of mobile technology

Policy

- **1st and 2nd Form:** day pupils hand their phones in first thing and get them back when they go home. Boarders have them after activities each evening, after matches on Saturdays and after Mass on Sundays.
- **3rd to 5th Form:**
 - All pupils are encouraged to leave mobile phones at home
 - Those who bring them into school are encouraged to store them safely in the Housemaster's office
 - No mobile phone should be out or used throughout the school day. Teachers will confiscate phones from pupils in the 1st to 5th Form who are using their phones during the school day.
 - Boarders will hand in all devices at bedtimes.
- **6th Form:** Pupils in the 6th Form are expected to manage their own mobile phones during the school day and to ensure that they are turned off and out of sight during academic classes. Teachers will confiscate phones that are used during lesson or activity time without permission. 6th Form pupils who fail to achieve the required effort level in quarterly grades will lose the privilege of keeping their mobile device during lesson time and will be required to hand it in at home as outlined above.
- No pupil should be wearing headphones or earbuds during the school day.