

# Bluecoat Aspley Academy

## Mobile Phone/Electronic Device

### Statement of Practice



**Bluecoat Aspley**  
believe in yourself, in others, in God

**Our Christian Vision is:**

Through believing in ourselves, in others, in God, we aspire to be courageously inclusive.

**Our Christian Values are:**

Faith

Hope

Family

Respect

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## Introduction

At Bluecoat Aspley Academy, we recognise the benefits and opportunities which new technologies offer to teaching and learning. All staff and students have internet access and we encourage the use of technologies in order to enhance skills, promote achievement and enable lifelong learning within a classroom environment. We also appreciate the safety benefits for families in allowing their child to have a mobile phone when travelling to and from the academy and we feel this should continue. However, we have become increasingly concerned with the different applications that are now offered on electronic devices. This can present a temptation which can not only inhibit learning within the classroom but also contravenes our IT user agreement and for this reason, all mobile phones and electronic devices must be switched off and put away from the moment students enter the school grounds.

## Related Policies, Statements of Practice and procedures

- Safeguarding
- Behaviour
- Anti-Bullying
- IT User Agreement

## Statement of Practice

For the purpose of this document, the word “devices” will include: laptops, netbooks, mobile phones, smart phones, iPods, iPads, tablets, head / earphones, watches with phones and/or the internet and any other electronic/mobile device that can be used for communication.

Their inappropriate use can make pupils and staff vulnerable and because we are committed to staff and dedicated to the development of pupils’ character, we insist upon the following:

- Our expectation at the Academy is that students can carry their mobile phone with them to and from the academy, however, it should be turned off and put away before entering the school grounds. Senior staff will be on the gates in the morning reminding students to switch phones off and put them away before they enter the school grounds.
- Under no circumstances must a device be used or on view whilst on the academy premises. This includes during break and lunch. Any student found with their phone/device out and/or switched on whilst on academy premises will have this confiscated immediately by the member of staff. The device will be handed in to student reception and it will be locked it away. The admin team or Year Leader will contact parents/carers and arrange a convenient time for the device to be picked up. Please note, the device will not be handed back to the student.
- Students should not have ear/headphones on view as there is no need due to the above.
- If a student refuses to hand in their device to the member of staff when asked, this will result in the member of staff following our behaviour policy and going through the warning system. If after two warnings, the student refuses to hand in their device, this will result in a ‘negative point’ and a 1 hour after school detention and parents/carers will be contacted.

- Students found using a device in an inappropriate way, for example to bully another student or any other form of Peer on Peer Abuse, will face additional sanctions.
- Within the classroom, the teacher has the discretion to allow students to use a personal device for a specific project or to help with their learning. However, once this is complete the device must be turned off and put away again. Cases of this are likely to be rare; such cases will not extend to include students listening to music or accessing social media sites.
- During practical Sports Science lessons, students should hand in any valuables to staff members for safe keeping.
- Devices found being used in the academy can also be subject to a search by our staff (whether any offence took place in school or outside of it) to protect students and staff. Where we find these have been used inappropriately we will inform parents and, if part of illegal practice, we will inform the police.
- Even if not physically seen, the academy also reserves the right to search for and remove devices if they suspect that they are being used or that they are making the student / other students / adults vulnerable in some way.
- Should a student need to make contact with their parent/carer then our Year Leaders/ Office staff will be happy to support with this should it be deemed necessary, though that decision rests with the Year Leader or SLT member.

**Bluecoat Aspley Academy accepts no financial responsibility if a student mobile phone or any other electronic device is lost, damaged or stolen. While we will do our best to find any items, it is the responsibility of your child keep it safe.**