

REDBRIDGE HIGH SCHOOL

GUIDANCE FOR PUPILS AND PARENTS

MOBILE PHONES MP3 PLAYERS OR OTHER PERSONAL ELECTRICAL ITEMS.

Increasingly pupils are arriving in school with items such as mobile phones I-Pods, or MP3 players. We have therefore decided to issue some guidance to help school and parents on this issue.

1. The school cannot be responsible for any such items particularly in terms of them going missing or being damaged.
2. There is an increased likelihood of such items being damaged in school given the nature of some of our pupils' needs.
3. Whilst we would not want to discourage our pupils from feeling they can be the same as their siblings or other young people that they know, we would prefer if such items were left safely at home. The exception would be for pupils using them on the bus to help pass the time on their journeys to and from school.
4. If pupils do bring these items into school they will be told by the class teacher to keep them in the class cupboard until going home and at no time should they be used during lessons which include all activities on or off the premises.
5. Pupils sometimes say that they need to be in contact with their families. Pupils are reassured that if parents wish to, they can pass on messages using the main school telephone number.

We would welcome parents support with this issue to help prevent any upset should an item get broken, or go missing and also to avoid situations where pupils become upset when asked to leave them in a safe place and not use them during lessons.

Many thanks

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