



# Gartree High School

## Mobile Phone Acceptable Use Policy

### Guidance for staff, students, parents and carers

At Gartree we do not ban Mobile phones from school site, recognising that students often need these to contact parents before or after school. However we do expect mobile phones to be turned off as soon as students enter the site and placed in lockers where they should remain until the end of the day. Our primary aim at school is the Education and Welfare of our students – mobile phone usage in school can compromise both of these aims.

Mobile phones do play a role in safety, allowing parents and students to make contact with each other on the way to/from school. Parents and carers are reminded that, in cases of emergency, the school office remains the best way to contact their child(ren). Passing messages to students via reception also ensures that disruption is kept to a minimum.

In the unlikely event of a student failing to comply with this policy and our expectations around mobile phones and/or accessories, the item(s) would be confiscated by a member of staff and taken to a safe and secure place to be collected at the end of the day by the student. A repeated offence will require a parent or carer to come and collect the item(s) from reception. Further offences may result in a complete ban on bringing phones on site for the individual concerned.

The school does not accept any responsibility for loss, damage or theft of mobile phones, accessories or other devices.

We greatly appreciate the support of parents and carers in maintaining our high standards and expectations.

