

## Mobile Phone Survey Results

	Students	Parents	Staff
Not allowed during college day	2%	16%	49%
Allowed during college day	27%	10%	6%
Allowed during break/lunch only	67%	73%	45%

A selection of responses from students, parents/carers and staff.

### Students

'When phones are out people don't learn enough as they become distracted and do not listen. They are then always the ones who need help as they haven't heard what the teacher has said'

'Sometimes at break and lunch I'll sit on my phone the whole time and not really talk to people'

'I would worry if phones were taken away completely as it is something that makes me feel safe, especially on the way to and from school'

'I worry that people take photos of me and my friends when we are in school as they could be posting them anywhere and I have no control over it'

'In some lessons phones can help me to learn as they can be used for Google Classroom and revision games'

### Parents/Carers

'I think mobile phones should be banned from lessons full stop. They are too much of a distraction during lesson times'.

'Phone use should only be allowed during breaks'.

'Total ban so children can be more focused. If they had a job they wouldn't be able to use their phones'.

'Mobile phones should be banned unless used for safety or school work'.

'I recognise that banning mobile phone use at the college is aspirational and may be difficult to enforce. However, I would require my child to have a phone with her for the journey to and from school and for family emergencies'.

'I think that students should be allowed their mobile phones for emergency calls between the student, parents and carers'.

## Staff

'I think that students should be allowed to have mobile phones in their bags, but if they are caught with them during lessons it should be an instant consequence'.

'I understand that mobile phones are a pivotal part of a young person's life but they cause so many problems both in and out of the classroom. I think the college site would be a much nicer place to be without any mobile phones. It will encourage students to socialise with each other rather than be permanently attached to their phone. I think it can only be a good thing if our students have some distance from their phones'.

'Mobile phones should only be used in the street and outside areas. Students should be encouraged to talk to each other at lunch'.

'On the whole mobile phones create a huge source of distraction for students and conflict for teachers'.

'I have worked in a school where phones were used responsibly by students. Would not want to ban them totally but students need to be trained in what is or is not appropriate. 'On site, out of sight' unless special permission is given. Consequences otherwise'.

'The number of times that I have to stop teaching as students are distracted by messages from social media. It is not conducive to the type of effective learning environment that we are striving to achieve. Speaking to colleagues from other schools who have implemented bans, they all say that the impact on learning and behaviour has been significant'.