

Vyners School Council
Contract on Mobile Phone Usage



By signing this contract, I/we understand agree that:

1. Usage:

- 1.1 Mobile phones must only be used with the permission of the member of staff in charge of the activity for which the phone is required; they must be turned off and out of sight at all other times between 8.35am and five minutes after the final bell for the day.
- 1.2 Before 8.35am and at least five minutes after the end of the school day, mobile phones may be used without additional permission outside the school building only.
- 1.3 School trips are considered to be lesson time and mobile phone usage will be at the discretion of the teacher in charge.
- 1.4 Mobile phones are not allowed in examination rooms – even if turned off and in a bag.
- 1.5 *(These are national Examination Board rules).*
- 1.6 It is not acceptable to use a mobile phone in place of a calculator at any time.
- 1.7 A mobile phone may only be brought to school if the School Office holds a completed 'Contract'.

2. Responsibility:

- 2.1 The mobile phone is solely the responsibility of the owner at all times and the school accepts no responsibility at any time.
- 2.2 As children are most vulnerable to the effects of microwave radiation, because their nervous systems are not fully developed and their skin thinner than adults providing less protection, students are neither encouraged nor expected to bring mobile phones into school.
No responsibility is taken by the school for any mobile phone related illness caused by usage within the school site.

3. Sanctions:

- 3.1 Any breach in the agreed rules will result in the confiscation of the mobile phone and a C3 detention in the first instance.
- 3.2 Confiscated mobile phones will be taken to the school office by the teacher who confiscates them. The School Office will log and secure any confiscated phone.
- 3.3 The phone will be returned to the owner at the end of the school day provided the School Office has a copy of a completed 'Mobile Phone Contract'.
A first offence results in a C3 detention. Following a second offence a C3 detention will be issued and the mobile phone must be collected by a parent/carer.

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Name of student: Tutorial:

I / We agree to the School Policy on Mobile usage within school

Signature of student: Date:

Signature of parent/guardian:..... Date:

(This proforma should be returned to the School Office).