

FAQs

How do I contact my child in an emergency?

The main school office will be able to communicate messages to your child in the event of an emergency. There are staff available at all times and a student helper to relay messages.

If you can't get through as all lines are busy then leave a message and it will be picked up.

My child needs their phone walking to and from school?

Keeping children safe is our main priority, and as such students use of mobile phones to and from school could aid this. The school expects when students enter the school site through the green gates, phones are not seen and are placed in bags securely.

Parental Support

The use of mobile phones and social media is an issue that schools and parents need to work on in partnership. There are some key things you can do to support your child's use of social media and mobile phones:

- *Take an interest and talk about it!*
- *Agree house rules on when and how long they can go online, and which sites they can access.*
- *It's a good idea to give their eyes and minds at least one hour of rest before bedtime.*
- *Be good role models and put your phone and tablet away too.*
- *Use 'Forest' - an app that gives children a great incentive to stay away from their screen. It lets them grow a whole forest of trees the longer they leave their phone.*



MOBILE PHONE POLICY

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PRIDE at Baysgarth

We strive to create PRIDE in all students, staff, parents and the community by developing five key values across our school:

- Positivity
- Respect
- Independence
- Determination
- Excellence

At Baysgarth School we have become very concerned with the impact mobile phones have on our students' mental health and wellbeing. Extensive surveys have been conducted and parents echo the schools views. These concerns, alongside the new legislation, has led to a revised Mobile Phone Policy at Baysgarth.

This leaflet has some of the FAQ that have arisen so far. More communication will follow over the next few weeks to students and parents.

What are the new rules?

The new policy will come into effect from the 1st September 2018 and it is simplified to the following:

- Mobile phones can be used within lessons to enhance a child's learning experience, but only with the teacher's explicit permission. If no consent is given in advance, the use of mobile phones will not be permitted.
- Mobile phone use will not be permitted in any other area of the school at any time. **This includes enrichment and intervention sessions.**



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Why can phones be used in lessons?

Mobile phones have many positive uses and we need to equip and educate our students to be able to use them for their future lives. We see this as our role and within a classroom, where there are levels of supervision, we think we can do this and keep your child safe. We will review this after 12 months.

Will my child be given a first and second warning?

No, any mobile phone seen except in the classroom with the class teachers explicit permission, will be immediately confiscated as it is a prohibited item.

What will happen to a confiscated mobile phone?

A confiscated phone will be taken to the main reception and sealed in a tamper proof bag and labelled. This will be placed in the school safe until a named contact in the child's school record comes to collect it. Identification will be needed to retrieve the phone from school to ensure its safety.