

Confiscation Policy



Aims

- To ensure that students in school are focused on their learning without any distractions, in a safe and non-threatening environment.
- To ensure that other related policies (mobile phone and uniform) are strictly adhered to.

Mobile phones

In conjunction with the mobile phone policy, if a mobile phone is confiscated for any of the reasons in the policy then the phone will be given to reception (*reception staff will keep logs of confiscations to ensure the policy is applied consistently*) and confiscated for the following time periods:

- For a first offence - the phone will be confiscated for the remainder of that school day and the student can collect from reception at the end of that school day.
- For a second offence - the phone will be confiscated for the remainder of the school week and parents/carers can collect the phone from reception at the end of the school week (if a phone is confiscated on a Friday then this will count as a week). *
- For a third offence - the phone will be required to be handed into reception at the start of the school day and signed out again at the end of the school day for a period of two school weeks (10 days). Student must show to reception staff that the phone works and is the phone that was confiscated (*reception staff will take a description of the phone when it is initially confiscated*).
- If a student reoffends within a school week, they will move immediately to the third offence sanction.

* If a parent/carer refuses to give consent for the phone to be kept for the remainder of the school week then parent/carer can pick the device up after 3.30pm. It must not be returned to the student even if the parent is unable to come into school in person.

Jewellery

Apart from a watch and a pair of simple, studded earrings that do not stick out beyond the ear lobe, jewellery is not permitted in Stokesley School. Tutors will check jewellery in tutor time and any jewellery found will be confiscated and given to reception where it will be stored safely until the end of the week. At the end of the week, parents may come into school and collect any confiscated jewellery. If a student is found to be wearing jewellery during the school day (after tutor period) then the student will receive 2 negative behaviour points as well as the jewellery being confiscated.

Hooded tops and sports tops

Hooded tops and sports tops (mainly tracksuit tops) are not permitted to be worn in school at all. Tutors will check for hooded tops during tutor time and any hooded/sport tops found will be confiscated and given to reception where they will be kept until the end of the week. At the end of the week parents may collect the confiscated item. A student wearing a hooded top/sports top after tutor time will receive 2 negative behaviour points as well as having the item confiscated.

Dangerous items

Any items that are considered to be dangerous such as knives (of any sort), laser beam lights, BB guns, lighters (please note, this list is not exclusive to the items mentioned) are not permitted to be in school at all and will be confiscated, with possible sanctions applying if it is felt that the item has been brought into school to cause harm, damage or disruption.

Illicit and banned substances

Substances and products such as alcohol, cigarettes (including e-cigarettes and vapes), drugs of any kind (including so called 'legal highs') are not permitted in school at all and will be confiscated. School reserve the right to search students if it is believed that they are carrying banned substances (please see government guidance at the bottom of policy for further information). Sanctions will apply to any students found with these items.

Medication

If a student is on medication (prescribed or not), school must be informed and the medication stored in a safe and controlled area within school. Failure to inform school may leave the student open to sanctions applying if they are caught with medication upon their person or belongings.

Retrieving confiscated items

Parents collecting confiscated items will only be permitted to do so from school reception from 15:30 onwards; items will not be returned during the school day.

Please see Government guidance below for further details.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/searching-screening-and-confiscation>

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