

Mobile Phones and Electrical Goods

Watling Academy has very clear guidelines in terms of the use of mobile phones during the school day – or not as is the case! Please see below for these guidelines.

1. Mobile Phones/GPS (SMART) watches

Mobile Phones are not allowed out during the academy day. We understand that some students (and their parents) would like students to have their mobile phones with them whilst travelling to and from school. We understand this. As soon as students have arrived at the Academy, all mobile devices, including smart watches should be switched off and placed in their bags or in their lockers. They are not allowed out at all during the school day, including break and lunchtimes. The academy does not accept responsibility for lost or damaged phones.

Any mobile phone seen in lessons during the school day may be confiscated. Further sanctions will be taken if the item is being used in a way detrimental to good order including taking photographs and videos.

Academy staff reserve the right to confiscate phones and will ask the student's permission to access the phone's memory where they believe that to do so will help an investigation into serious misconduct. They will limit such a search to the issue in hand. Should a student withhold permission to follow a reasonable request, they may be liable for a sanction, and in serious cases of student misconduct the police may then be informed in order to gain access to this information.

It is important that all students and parents/carers are aware that misuse of a mobile phone, such as taking and distributing photos and videos at Watling could lead to a period of exclusion. This includes posting any images/videos on any form of social media, that includes any association with Watling Academy.

2. Electrical Goods

Students may not, during the school day, use electronic equipment such as i-Pods, ear pods and digital cameras, unless a member of staff has explicitly requested that the student bring in the item. Music should not be played at any point during the day on student personal devices.

Other recording devices including 'spy cams' are also prohibited.