BST Device Use Policy

Definition

At BST a device is defined as one of the following items:

- Wearable technology (including smart watches), mobile phone, tablet (including iPad), games console and MP3/4.

Expectations

- When moving around the school students must not use any of their devices. This includes corridors, stairs and outdoors, and applies to all members of the school community, including teachers and support staff.
- KS3 students must only use school issued iPads in lessons and not their personal device.
- Students must not use devices in lessons unless directed to by their teachers.
- Students must not use their device when eating. This includes in Sophia canteen, the classrooms and all outdoor areas.
- Tutor time is device free, unless using them in an activity, as directed by the Tutor.
- Students must get permission before taking photos / videos of each other or a teacher.
- Sixth Form students may use their own devices in the Sixth Form Common Room and work area. Notifications and sound should not be audible.
- Mobile phones must not be visible in lessons and should be in silent mode.
- In the school building there are allocated rooms for the use of devices during break and lunchtime. Students must not use devices outside of these areas.
- Students are allowed to use their device in the Boulevard, South Ground and Leo when they are not eating.
- If the Learning Support department has recommended that a student should make use of their school device during lessons, then they may do so *

Consequences

- Any misuse of devices in lessons or in undesignated areas will result in confiscation until the end of the school day. This will be recorded as an incident, in line with the Rewards and Incidents Policy.
- Continued misuse will result in Tutors, Head of House, parents and SLT intervention. This is in line with the current Reward and Incident Policy.

Review

- The use of devices at BST will be reviewed on a regular basis through the voice of the Student Union and by the new E-safety Committee.