

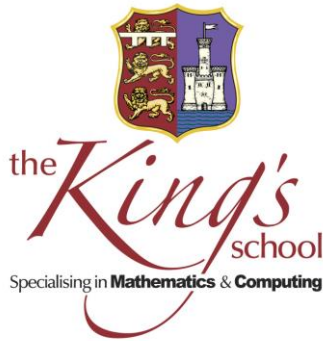
# The King's School

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Dear Parents/Carers

## Re: Student and Main Entrance to school

As we strive for excellence in all areas of school life I wish to inform you of a number of matters occurring.

Firstly, as a school we have become increasingly concerned about the amount of traffic and congestion at the Mill Hill Lane entrance. We are currently consulting with Wakefield Authority regarding the construction of a bus bay however this is proving a lengthy process.

The majority of our students use the Mill Hill Lane entrance to school with staff and suppliers also using this as the main car park and access to school. Students also move between buildings in the Mill Hill Lane entrance throughout the day. To ensure the safety of our students we are proposing that the Mill Hill Lane entrance becomes the Student Entrance and the Ackworth Road entrance will become the Main Entrance for all visitors and suppliers.

Students may arrive at school through both entrances from 8am but The Mill Hill Lane Entrance will be closed to all at 9:10am; it will re-open for students to leave at 3:10pm. Should students arrive later than 9:10am they will need to use the Ackworth Road entrance. With this new system we aim to maintain the safety of our students on the school site. **Parents/Carers, visitors and suppliers will be directed to the Main Entrance on Ackworth Road at all times.**

Although most students at The King's School behave extremely well and work very hard in lessons unfortunately, we have seen an increase in the visibility of mobile phones. I have placed a reminder of school policy on mobile phones on the back of this letter which will be reinforced to students on their return after half term.

Finally, your child has received a copy of our new style newsletter which is also available on our website. We do hope you enjoy reading about the first half term of this academic year.

Thank you for your continued cooperation and support.

Yours sincerely

**Mrs Elaine Briggs**  
Head of School

*Central to the values of The King's School is a commitment to the safeguarding and protection of young people.*



## Reinforcement of Mobile Phone Policy and Process

### Rationale:

- Prime source of Low Level Disruption (LLD) in lessons
- Consistent confiscation of phones by staff
- Students calling parents to pick them up if they feel ill, without any contact through Student Services
- Persistent safeguarding issues and concerns
- Mobile phone use has had questionable and proven impact on T&L across the school
- Currently the use of phones is providing more disruption to learning than enhancement
- A study by London School of Economics (May 15) found school test scores increased by at least 6% and low achieving and low income students benefitted the most

### October 2017 changes:

“That all mobile phone use to be prohibited on the school site, including all social times and class changeover. This applies to any electronic device brought in by students that is deemed to be obstructive and disruptive to teaching and learning. This may include phones I- pods, DS/Game consoles and smart watches. Ear phones are not permitted.

**This does not include those students who require the use of electronic devices as an *essential* tool for their learning and as such students maybe directed at times by their teacher to do so. Mobiles may be in school; however, they must not be seen or heard.”**

### The Process:

If a student is caught using their phone:

- 1st time: Confiscated and placed in Student Services; to be collected at the end of the day plus student receives supervised lunch
- 2nd time: Confiscated, student attends supervised lunch and parents required to pick it up
- 3th time: Confiscation, parents pick it up and students have an isolation for the day
- 4th time: Confiscated, parents pick it up and students have either a FTE
- School behaviour policy to be followed if the student refuses to hand the phone over and pastoral team to follow up if escalation is required

If a student refuses to hand it over:

- 1st time = 1 day in Isolation
- 2nd time = 1 day in Isolation plus the student must hand in their mobile phone to Student Services each day
- 3rd time = FTE and parental meeting with Deputy Headteacher/Assistant Headteacher

If a student chooses to bring a mobile phone to school then students and parents should be aware of the following point:

*As with other expensive items, The King's School does not accept any responsibility for mobile phones brought onto the school site.*