



THE NELSON THOMLINSON SCHOOL
MOBILE PHONES, ELECTRONIC DEVICES
AND CONFISCATION POLICY

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Mobile phones, electronic devices and confiscation

If a pupil's phone is seen or heard anywhere on the school grounds, it will be confiscated **immediately**. If a pupil is carrying more than one phone and **any** of them are seen or heard, **all** phones will be confiscated. In addition, any phone (or more than one phone) that is found to be turned on during any bag checks will also be confiscated.

Confiscated items will be returned **only** to parents.

If a pupil hesitates (even slightly) in handing over a confiscated item, refuses to hand it over or if they pretend it is not theirs, they will receive a sanction commensurate with the defiance, in addition to confiscation.

To avoid confiscations, pupils should **not** bring mobile phones and electronic devices to school. If a pupil does bring a phone or other electronic device to school, they should switch this off **before** entering the school site. If a device goes off accidentally, it will be confiscated. If it is clear a pupil has used their device, a sanction will ensue and it will be confiscated. Clearly, pupils who use school transport or attend after-school clubs may choose to bring their phones to school in case of an emergency. However, all of the points above apply.

Should a pupil need to contact parents or carers, they must go to the pastoral administration office where one of the assistants will allow them to use a telephone. This has always been the case in NTS.

A small number of pupils may require their mobile phones/devices during the school day for medical purposes (which is approved in the healthcare plans) and teachers are aware of these individuals.