



Fraser Youens House

Additional Guidance for Boarders and Staff on Mobile Phones and Digital Devices

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(This guidance is written after taking guidance from the DFE and the BSA as well as attending presentations from Childnet, liaising with Karl Hopwood, an Online Safety consultant and working with the house digital council. It should be read in conjunction with the School's policies on E safety and any guidance on Mobile Phone usage)

Students are to be made aware of the following:

- In Fraser Youens House we acknowledge that whilst the house is part of school there are allowances for the fact that this is a residential setting and not just an educational establishment.
- All e-safety protocols that exist within school should be followed within FYH.
- No student should be using a VPN within boarding or school under any circumstance.
- Students from Yrs7-11 must adhere to FYH specific [Mobile Device management](#).
- There are clear areas that exist within boarding where we would not want students using their devices. E.g. Dining Room.
- Staff may access Reach for registration purposes in these areas.
- We would strongly advise students to use the School's filtered wifi and not 4G-5G.
- Students should be aware that (whilst it may be rare) if staff deem that a student has prohibited material on their phone or material deemed to put a pupil or staff member at risk it would be deemed reasonable for staff to search their device.
- Boarders may not download (offsite or onsite) and bring into boarding any material deemed unsuitable or age restricted according to the boarders age. This includes material deemed to be adult related for those aged 18 and resident within boarding.
- If following a search/confiscation that the material is potentially of an illegal nature your device will be taken to the DSL or ADSL. This may involve contacting the police.
- Within FYH Boarders can only play age appropriate related games online and via their devices (If in doubt this can be discussed with Residential staff)
- Use of digital devices for work at break or lunchtimes needs to take place in the work rooms.
- If Boarders need to contact parents they can access their mobile phone or use any of the landlines.
- Boarders may not invite day students into the house at break and lunch to use such devices.
- There should be no use of mobile devices or laptops after designated bedtimes.
- Mobile devices including gaming devices are subject to collection at designated times for all year groups up to and including Year 11.
- Boarders should have no more than one mobile phone, one laptop or one [Chromebook](#) within FYH.
- Boarders (Yrs 7-11) are permitted to use watches or fitness trackers as long as they constitute a passive wearable device. (Note any watches or wearable

items eg smart glasses that form a two way connection constitute an extension of a mobile device and are not permitted.

Staff usage and guidance

- Staff should act as good role models in their use of ICT, internet and mobile devices.
- Staff should follow Staff Code of Conduct and working practices and RGS Mobile phone policy.
- Staff on boarding duty should understand the guidelines regarding use of ICT and gaming in FY House.
- Staff should be aware of the latest guidance from DfE in KCSiE (Sept 2026) in relation to electronic devices and Searching, Screening and Confiscation Advice for Schools (July 2022 minor updates 2023.) Mobile phones in Schools Jan 2026
- If staff search or confiscate devices they must follow DFE guidance. Staff must not intentionally look at nude or semi-nude images, or copy, print, share, store or save such images. Any such viewing whether intentional or inadvertent must be referred immediately to the DSL/ADSL.
- Staff should be aware that there are clearly signed areas that exist within boarding where we would not want students or staff using their devices.
- Due to the hours that boarding staff work there is an understanding that they may access mobile phones but this should be done discreetly and not in the presence of boarders.
- Staff should not be taking their mobile devices into Student dorm areas.
- Staff may use iPads/Tablets to register using the software Reach. However these devices should not be taken into Boarders' dorm areas.

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