


St George's School

	E-Safety <i>(Relevant to National Minimum Standard 8)</i>	
	Committee: Staff & Students	
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	Policy links to	

This document exists in conjunction with the Whole School **Electronic Devices Protocol (for all students)** and the policy for the **Acceptable use of the Pupil Computer Network (for all students)**

EXTRA E-SAFETY MEASURES FOR BOARDERS

- Mobile phones belonging to younger boarders are collected in prior to bedtime on a daily basis.
- School WiFi is turned off daily and automatically at 2230 for boarders in Years 10 and below and at 0000 for boarders in Year 11 and Sixth Form.
- Age restrictions are in place for social media use which mirrors the age restrictions that are set by the social media companies themselves e.g. a student in Year 8 will not be able to access Snapchat or Instagram via the school network or Wi-Fi.
- Boarding staff work proactively to ensure that there is ongoing guidance and education with regards to e-safety and screen time. This will include individual advice as well as the display of practical advice in the form of posters in common rooms and on landings.
- Whilst boarding staff do not insist that mobile phones and other devices are equipped with apps that can monitor, limit screen time and ultimately prevent, boarders from using the internet, we ensure that parents are aware of such apps as 'Our Pact' and 'TeenSafe' so that they can impose their own restrictions should they so wish.

Access to phones and devices and the length of time that they have them for increases with age. The table below summarises this:

Year / Device	7	8	9	10	11	12 13
Phone	✓ (not overnight)	✓ (not overnight)	✓ (not overnight)	✓ (not overnight)	✓ (overnight on Fri & Sat only)	✓
iPod (3G,4G)	✓ (not overnight)	✓ (not overnight)	✓ (not overnight)	✓ (not overnight)	✓ (overnight on Fri & Sat only)	✓
Tablet	By special request by parents only	By special request by parents only	✓ (not overnight)	✓ (not overnight)	✓ (overnight on Fri & Sat only)	✓
Laptop	x	x	✓ (not overnight)	✓ (not overnight)	✓	✓
WiFi off	10:00	10:00	10:00	10:00	10:30	Midnight

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Phones in	8:45	9:00	0:15	9:30	9:45	x
VPNs	x	x	x	x	x	x
FaceBook, Instagram & SnapChat	x	x	✓	✓	✓	✓

PRIVACY AND RESTRICTED AREAS

Boarders are not permitted to use their mobile devices in the Dining Room during breakfast, lunch and supper. Boarders are not permitted to take mobile devices or laptops into communal bathrooms. Boarders are not permitted to take photographs or video when in dorms nor are they permitted to make recordings or take photographs or video of others without permission. They are advised about the risks associated with doing so anywhere.

With younger boarders, particularly those new to the School, house staff may choose to impose extra restrictions for individuals or groups. For example, keeping phones in office and boarders requesting devices for a short window of time before having them returned for safe keeping.