

CAMS HILL SCHOOL CONFISCATIONS POLICY



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Jewellery/Adornment/Other Items including Energy Drinks

Items of non-regulation jewellery and adornment may be confiscated, if reminders are ignored by pupils. They will be packed in a sealed envelope and placed in the school safe. Confiscated items will be securely locked away for three days, after which they can be collected by pupils. If a pupil incurs confiscation a second time, a letter may be issued asking the parent/carer to come in and collect the item from Main Reception.

Any Dangerous Items or Items Which Can Be Construed As Weapons, Including Aerosols (including aerosol deodorant), Fireworks, Laser Light Pointers and any Article That Has Been or Is Likely To Be Used To Commit an Offence, Cause Personal Injury or Damage to Property

These are not allowed in school except where pupils have been given written permission by a member of the Senior Leadership Team to bring them in as an organised element of their programme (excluding items that may be construed as dangerous weapons).

If any of these items are brought in without permission, they will be confiscated and placed in the school safe. They will be kept securely locked away for three days. After three days, pupils may collect these items except for items which may be construed as dangerous weapons. Weapons and knives will always be handed over to the police.

Drugs, Alcohol, Tobacco (Including E-Cigarettes and Filters), Lighters/Matches, Cigarette Papers, Stolen Items and Pornographic Images

These are prohibited items and not allowed in school. These items will be securely locked away in the school safe. Tobacco (Including E-Cigarettes and Filters), Lighters/Matches and Cigarette Papers, will need to be collected from Main Reception by a parent/carer. Alcohol and pornographic images will be disposed of. Stolen items will be returned to their owners where possible.

Illegal drugs will always be handed over to the police.

Mobile Phones, iPods and other MP3 Players and Smart Devices

Cams Hill School does not allow mobile phones and other mobile/smart devices to be used during the school day. Research proves they can disrupt learning and progress and lead to increased incidents of bullying. If they are brought into school, they should be switched off and kept out of sight. Items are brought in at the pupil's risk and Cams Hill School cannot take responsibility for the loss or damage to these devices.

Any pupil seen taking a phone or mobile/smart device out during the day will have it confiscated and put in the school safe regardless of whether the phone or mobile/smart device is the property of the person in possession of it. It will be securely locked away for **three days**. A phone call home will be made to advise parents/carers that this has taken place.

The school acknowledges that some parents and pupils may feel safer with access to a mobile phone. There is a school mobile phone which may be made available for a pupil to borrow if their phone has been confiscated. Use of this temporary phone will need to be organised via the Headteacher's PA and is only available in exceptional circumstances.

There may be occasions when the use of mobile devices is permitted on school trips. If this is the case, the trip letter will include details of when and where this is allowed, as well as the parameters of their use. Otherwise, the school rules still apply for all trips and visits.

Smart Watches

Smart watches are permissible when used solely to tell the time - they should not be used for texting, accessing the Internet or using apps during the school day. If a pupil uses their smart watch in such a manner, the device will be confiscated and the above procedures followed.