

## Policy 27

### Student Phone Use Policy 2026/2027

#### 27.1 Introduction

**27.1.1** Students who attend Reach Alternative Education are permitted to bring their own personal mobile phones to Reach. This is to aid in the health and safety management and safeguarding of students for a range of reasons including;

- Students being brought in by third party transportation (i.e. taxi firms commissioned by the local authority)
- Back up when out in the community with a Youth Worker
- Many students are carers to family members
- At times students require communication with family when going back into their home on drop off

#### 27.2 Considerations

**27.2.1** Considerations must be thought of when dropping a student back into school on drop off after a session and the school/provision having alternative rules on phone carrying. Youth Workers will support as much as possible to manage these school rules.

**27.2.2** When students access groups at base, encouragement will be given for students to not use their phones and keep them safely away during group time.

**27.2.3** Where a student struggles to manage appropriately using their phone (i.e. taking photos or other students and or staff) then work will be carried out to support the student persisting with this.

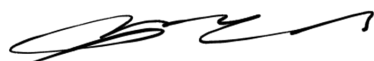
**27.2.4** Should this further continue then the Youth Workers may need to consider moving the student to a one to one setting for a period whilst this work is carried out.

**27.2.5** As part of our day to day Youth Work and preparing students with life skills, we will proactively work with students to explore appropriate use of phones whilst they are in receipt of carrying their phone exploring what is legal and what is not plus what is socially acceptable and what is not for example.

**27.2.6** Reach will not disclose the Wi-Fi password to students at base or in session times.

Any further questions regarding guidelines in this policy then please contact one of the leadership team.  
To ensure the effectiveness of this document our 'Student Phone Use' policy will be reviewed annually.

Signed:



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