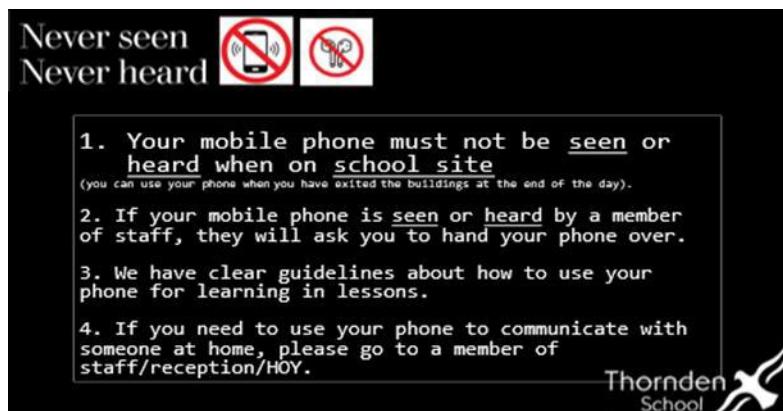


Use of Mobile Phones, Air Pods, Smart Watches or Similar Devices

At Thornden we understand that parents/carers will wish for their children to have mobile phones to ensure contact can be maintained when they are not with parents/carers and on the way to and from school. As such, we accept that children will have phones with them in school.

Thornden launched 'Digital Detox' in April 2024, **Never seen, never heard**. Students can maintain possession of their mobile phone during the school day on the strict condition that their phone is never seen or heard. Any phone seen or heard will be confiscated by the member of staff.



We ask parents/carers to support our Digital Detox campaign by not contacting your child via their mobile phone during the school day. Should you need to get in contact during school hours, please do contact the school reception.

Two exceptions:

- Emergency Exception:** students can ask a member of staff if they can use their phone for an emergency. If they say it is an emergency, and we think it sounds reasonable then we will of course allow them to use their phone. We would encourage students to speak to their tutor, Head of Year, or a member of SLT, who can allow them to make a phone call in private.
- Medical Exception:** Any student who rely on their mobile phone for medical purposes (e.g. take readings and alert them to their glucose levels), will be issued with a blue pass.

Consequence of misusing a mobile phone/air pods in school

Behaviour	Consequence
Phone seen or heard during the school day. Student hands their phone to the member of staff. Phone collected from reception at the end of the day.	Logged on Arbor as 'Use of Phone'. X3 logs = 1hr after school Senior Leadership detention.
Phone seen or heard during the school day. Student fails to hand their phone to the member of staff.	X1 day Internal Suspension (Reflection Room).