

Mobile Phone Safety for Schools

Your mobile may be small, but it's an expensive bit of kit. So it makes sense to take a few smart steps to avoid it getting nicked:

1. Don't be flash with your phone. Keep it out of sight when you're not using it.
2. When you're on the phone, keep an eye on what's going on around you. If you start to feel unsafe, hang up, put your phone away and keep walking.
3. Don't leave your mobile lying around. That's just asking for trouble.
4. If the worst happens and someone threatens you for your mobile phone, it's best to hand it over and tell the police. Phones can be replaced. You can't.

It's bad news if your phone gets stolen. But the good news is there are loads of things you can do to help get it back:

1. Log on to www.immobilise.com and register your mobile with the National Mobile Phone Register. It's a free service, backed by the police. If your phone turns up, it'll help the police return it to you.
2. If you think your phone's been stolen, let the police and your mobile phone company know as soon as you can.
3. Keep a note of the make and model of your phone, plus its unique IMEI number. You'll find this 15-digit number inside the battery case, or key in *#06# and the IMEI number will appear on the screen. If your mobile turns up, this information will help the police return it to you.
4. Get a UV pen and write your postcode and house number inside the battery case.
5. If your phone is stolen, get it blocked by phoning 08701 123 123. This will make the handset useless, even with a new SIM card.