

Mobile Phone Policy

September 2026



General Principles

- The school discourages Pupils from bringing mobile phones onto the premises unless absolutely necessary.
- The school is not responsible for the loss, theft or damage of any mobile devices brought onto school grounds.
- Mobile phones **must not** be used during the school day unless explicitly authorised by a member of staff or is needed due to a medical need.

Early Years and Key Stage 1 and 2 (Reception to Year 4)

- Pupils in Reception to Year 4 are not allowed to bring mobile phones to school.
- Any exceptional circumstances must be discussed and agreed in advance with the DSL or Headteacher.

Years 5 and 6 – Permitted with conditions

- Pupils in Years 5 and 6 may bring a mobile phone to school only with parental permission, typically where children walk to or from school independently. (See appendix 1)
- Upon arrival at school, all mobile phones must be:
 - switched off not on silent or vibrate
 - handed in immediately to the class teacher
 - phones will remain locked away throughout the entire school day
 - phones may only be collected at the end of the school day and must not be switched on until the pupil has left the school premises

Use of mobile phones

- Pupils must not use mobile phones anywhere on the school grounds at any time during the school day.
- This includes break times, lunch times and during after-school clubs unless explicitly authorised by staff.
- The use of mobile phones to take photographs, videos, or recordings is strictly prohibited.

Medical or Safeguarding needs

In some circumstances, supporting a pupil with their medical condition can involve the use of a mobile phone. For example, pupils with diabetes might use continuous glucose monitoring with a sensor linked to their mobile phone to monitor blood sugar levels. Where mobile phone use allows pupils to manage their medical condition effectively, arrangements will be made for children whose parents are able to evidence that they require specialist devices as part of a medical or safeguarding plan.

Smartwatches

- Smartwatches or other wearable devices with communication, messaging or internet capabilities should not be worn in school.
- If your child requires a watch, we ask that it is a standard watch without these functions.

Safeguarding and Behaviour

- Any misuse of a mobile phone, including attempts to access it during the day, will be treated as a breach of school behaviour policy.
- Inappropriate use (e.g. social media, messaging, photography) may result in:
 - confiscation of the device
 - parental contact to collect the phone.
 - further disciplinary action in line with school behavior policy

Staff and visitors

- Staff and visitors are expected to model appropriate use of mobile phones and follow schools safeguarding guidelines at all times.

Use of mobile phones outside the school day

- Mobile phones/electronic devices are not permitted by pupils on residential trips or trips outside of the school day.

Monitoring and review

- This policy will be reviewed annually or as required to ensure it remains effective and relevant.

Version control	
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Appendix 1: PERMISSION ALLOWING A PUPIL TO BRING THEIR PHONE TO SCHOOL (Y5/6ONLY)

(This will be sent via MS Forms)

PUPIL DETAILS	
Pupil name:	
Year group/class	
Name of parent	

I consent to my child bringing his/her mobile phone to school because [he/she]:

- travels to and from school alone;
- attends before or after-school where a mobile phone is required to contact parents;

By signing this agreement, I agree to abide by the school's policy on the use of mobile phones. I understand that the school reserves the right revoke permission if my child does not abide by the policy.