



Mobile Phone-Free School

Information for learners, parents and carers

Our school is mobile phone-free throughout the school day.

This supports a calm, safe and focused learning environment where learners can concentrate, build positive relationships and feel secure.

What this means each day

- 1 Hand in on arrival:** Any learner who brings a mobile phone to school must hand it in as they enter the school building.
- 2 Secure storage:** Phones will be stored securely during the school day and returned to learners at the end of the day.
- 3 No access during the school day:** Learners will not use or access mobile phones during lessons, between lessons, breaktimes, lunchtimes or at any other point during the school day.

If a learner does not hand over their phone

If a learner is not willing to hand over their phone, this will be managed on a case-by-case basis, taking into account individual circumstances and any safeguarding or behavioural considerations. However, learners will not be permitted to enter the main school environment with a mobile phone. The school will support the learner safely while next steps are agreed with staff and, where appropriate, parents or carers.

Why we are phone-free

- to reduce distractions and support learning;
- to promote positive behaviour and respectful relationships;
- to protect learner wellbeing and reduce pressure linked to social media and messaging;
- to strengthen safeguarding and help maintain a safe school environment.

Individual arrangements

Where there is a specific medical, safeguarding or communication need, parents and carers should speak to the school in advance. Any agreed arrangement will be documented and reviewed, with the aim of keeping the school phone-free by default.

Responsibility for mobile phones

Mobile phones remain the responsibility of learners and families. The school accepts no responsibility for loss, damage or theft during travel to or from school, or while stored on site during the school day.

Regulatory context

This approach reflects DfE mobile phone guidance, the Independent School Standards Guidance April 2026 (Standard 9, paragraphs 3.21-3.23), and section 36 of the Children's Wellbeing and Schools Act 2026. Searching, screening and confiscation procedures are managed through the school behaviour policy and relevant DfE guidance.