



12th May 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are writing to inform you that the school is currently reviewing its mobile phone policy and to explain why this review is necessary.

Our existing policy is very clear: if a mobile phone is out, visible, or switched on during the school day, it is confiscated. Despite this strict approach, last term we have confiscated mobile phones on nearly 300 occasions. This volume indicates that, while expectations are understood, mobile phones continue to be a significant challenge within the school environment.

National and international research consistently highlights the negative impact of mobile phone use on young people in school settings. Studies link phone access during the school day to reduced concentration and academic focus, lower levels of engagement in lessons, increased anxiety and social pressure, disrupted sleep patterns, and a greater risk of online conflict spilling into school life. There is also growing evidence that regular phone use in school can affect young people's wellbeing, resilience, and ability to develop strong face-to-face relationships.

In addition, the government has recently made clear its expectation that schools take decisive action to restrict mobile phone use during the school day. National announcements and Department for Education guidance emphasise that mobile phones should not be accessible to students in schools or colleges, citing concerns around behaviour, learning disruption, safeguarding, and online harm. This national direction reinforces the importance of reviewing our current arrangements to ensure they are robust, consistent, and fully aligned with emerging expectations for schools.

As a school, our priority is to create a calm, focused, and safe learning environment where all students can thrive academically and socially. The current situation suggests that we need to consider whether our approach to mobile phones remains the most effective way to achieve this.

We are therefore working closely with our Trust and reviewing current guidance and practice, including what other schools—both locally and nationally—are doing to successfully manage mobile phone use. This includes exploring a range of possible approaches that support learning, behaviour, and student wellbeing, while remaining practical for families and staff.

At this stage, **no changes have been finalised**. Once we have agreed on the most appropriate next steps, we will communicate clearly with you about what this will mean in practice and when any changes would take effect.

While this review is ongoing, we would very much welcome feedback from parents and carers. Your perspectives are important, and we value your support as we look to make decisions that are in the best interests of our young people.

Please share your views on the form link here no later than Thursday 21st May: [Parent/ Carer feedback - Mobile phones – Fill out form](#)

Thank you, as always, for your continued support and partnership.

Yours sincerely,

Mr J Morris

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