

14th February 2025

Dear Parents & Carers

We are reviewing our approach to the use of mobile phones in school and I am seeking your views. I'd be very grateful if you could spend a few minutes answering a short survey via the link below, so we can gather your views on how the school can best support responsible use of technology by our young people.

The survey will close on Sunday 23rd February.

<https://forms.office.com/e/ByUVfGb327>

Below are some questions that you may have to help clarify the position I am proposing.

What is the school's current policy on mobile phones?

Mobile phones are not allowed to be used on school site from 8.40am to 3pm

What if I need to contact my school at school?

If there is an emergency, you can call the school on 01179413800 and we can pass the message to your child.

What if my child needs to urgently contact me?

Staff are well equipped to handle any issues that arise. However if students really need to contact home, they can speak to their year team who will decide what to do next.

I am concerned about my child's phone being confiscated. How can I help them avoid this?

Encourage your child to get into a strict routine of turning their phone off when they arrive to school, and place the phone out of sight. Your child is in control of their phone and they need to be responsible in following the rules.

What about my child accessing their timetable on their phone?

This should be checked at home ready for the day ahead. Students should also have a copy of their timetable in their bag. We would also recommend having a copy at home and that you help them organise themselves so they are ready for the day ahead.

Your input is very much appreciated and will help inform the decision-making process.

Thank you for all your support,

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