

# MORE HOUSE SCHOOL

## POLICY

### Mobile Phones and Devices Policy

## Kindness – Spirit - Responsibility

#### **Rationale:**

This policy directly references the school's methods to maintain the prohibition of mobile phones for pupils in all year groups, but with consideration to Sixth Form. The ongoing development of the Mobile Phone Policy is reviewed with the use of the directives of the aforementioned document, [Mobile phones in schools - GOV.UK](#), published January 2026.

#### **Purpose:**

The school has a behaviour policy which aligns with the school's legal duties and standards relating to the welfare of children. The objective of this is to establish and maintain high standards of behaviour ensuring that teachers can deliver the curriculum and that the school is a calm and safe environment for all pupils and staff ([Mobile phones in schools - GOV.UK](#) January 2026).

This policy is in place alongside the Behaviour for Learning Policy, the Safeguarding and Child Protection Policy, as well as the Safe Use of Technology Policy.

It is designed to ensure that pupils are able to effectively attend, engage with and benefit from the delivery of teaching, but also socialise with their peers, all of which can be lost to the use of mobile devices.

It also reflects the government guidance that all schools (up to Sixth Form) should be mobile phone-free environments by default; anything other than this should be by exception only.

#### **Guidelines:**

Years Four to Eleven

From the point of entry into school mobile phones should not be used by pupils and must be handed to tutors during morning form time for safekeeping throughout the school day. Phones will be returned to pupils at the end of the school day.

DOC REF: Mobile Phones and Devices

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The school will provide safe, lockable spaces for pupils to store their phones. This will include, for pupils who are travelling significant distances or accessing public transport, a lockable space in the school's main reception where they can leave their devices until collection at the end of the day.

Boarding pupils will also be offered the opportunity to store their devices in a lockable space in their boarding rooms or alternatively in a common space prior to departure for the school day.

If a pupil has not handed his phone in and it is confiscated during the day, the form tutor will contact parents at the end of the school day, or at the earliest point possible, with a reminder of expectations. Should there be a repeat occurrence it will then be requested that the mobile phone remains at home for an agreed period and must not return to school.

The above applies to AirPods or similar devices which require a mobile phone connection. Both devices will need to be surrendered and confiscated, if visible.

#### SIXTH FORM

Although this policy is *not* in place for Sixth Form pupils, recognising their independence, this is reviewed on a pupil-by-pupil basis, and the same rules will apply, as above, if this freedom is abused. Sixth Form pupils are permitted to use their phones in Crosslanes, when off site and in lessons or the library as directed by their teacher. They are not permitted to use their phones whilst moving around the School site.

Although it is recognised that this policy is *not* enforced by the school's Behaviour for Learning Policy, if the implemented interventions are unsuccessful, with the pupil maintaining the use of his mobile phone despite the actions requested and organised, this would trigger a connection to the Behaviour for Learning protocol and the use of internal and, if necessary, external suspension based on a refusal to comply with the above policy.

**This policy has been and will be communicated to all parents of the school community at the start of each year and more recent changes to Years 11 and Sixth Form in January 2026, with the policy displayed on the school's website. It is hoped and expected that parents will support the school with this action given the risks**

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**associated with mobile phone use, alongside the benefits of a mobile phone-free environment. Parents are strongly encouraged to liaise with the school's main reception if they need to communicate with their son at any time.**

In extreme circumstances, the school reserves the right to reasonably adjust to pupil's needs and may, if it is in the best interests of the pupil, deviate from this policy as necessary. This will typically fall in line with a pupil's risk assessment.

This policy will remain in place for school trips, unless it is strictly stated in a risk assessment that pupils are able to travel with their mobile phones and is planned for accordingly.

If parents or stakeholders require further information, it can be found at the following link: [Mobile phones in schools - GOV.UK](#) January 2026.