

27th March 2026

Dear Parent/Carer

Mobile Phone and Device Policy at Ashby School

I am writing to let you know that, following the recent [Department for Education's update on the use of mobile phones in schools](#), we have worked together with schools across our trust to ensure we have met the expectation set out by the government. Research from the Children's Commissioner shows that the overwhelming majority of schools – 99.8% of primary schools and 90% of secondary schools – already have policies in place that limit or restrict the use of mobile phones during the school day.

You may notice minimal change in how we operate this, but we felt it was important to review our systems and support processes as we approach 1st April 2026, when the government expects all schools to be compliant with the latest guidance.

A reminder that our policy on mobile phones for Key Stage 3 & 4 students is that they are **“Not seen, not heard”**

- Phones or smart watches can only be used outside before 0840 and after 1510
- For the rest of the day they must be turned off and remain in student's bags all day
- If seen or heard they will be confiscated and can then be collected at the end of the school day
- Repeat offences will lead to parents/carers having to collect the device from school

Teachers may continue to direct students to use their phones occasionally for short, discrete learning purposes

Our Sixth form students remain able to use their mobile phones appropriately on the KS5 site. However, when they come to the Key Stage 3 & 4 site, their phones should be not seen or heard outside of their classrooms.

We are committed to working with all stakeholders on the implementation of this policy. Although we will be adopting this policy from April 2026, we have set a date for the end of the academic year to review our policy.

Parents can play an important role in supporting the school in effectively implementing its policy on mobile phones and eliminating this form of distraction for pupils in lessons by using the established school methods of communication. I would like to thank you for your support in this area.

You can read the full version of our mobile phone policy on the policies section of our website imminently. If you have any questions or queries, please do not hesitate to contact us at enquiries@ashbyschool.org.uk.

Yours sincerely



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