



Oaklands School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Mobile Phones and Smart Glasses in School – Important Information

We are writing to remind you of our school's expectations regarding mobile phones and smart glasses and to ask for your continued support in ensuring that these expectations are followed consistently by all pupils.

The Department for Education (DfE) has issued **statutory guidance on mobile phones in schools**, which became statutory on 29th June 2026.

The guidance expects schools to operate as mobile-phone-free environments by default, with pupils not having access to their mobile phones during the school day, including lessons, transitions, breaktimes and lunchtime.

Our school expectations

Pupils who bring a mobile phone to school must:

- Hand their phone to the designated member of staff **on arrival at school**.
- Ensure that the phone is switched off before handing it in.
- Not retain or conceal a second mobile phone or other device capable of communication, recording or messaging.

If a pupil **fails to hand their phone in**, this will be treated as a breach of the school's behaviour and mobile phone policy.

Consequences of not handing in a phone

We will respond consistently where pupils do not follow this expectation. Depending on the circumstances and any previous breaches, this may include:

- A behaviour sanction, such as a reflection or internal exclusion, in line with our behaviour policy.
- For repeated breaches, the pupil being required to hand their phone directly to a member of office staff each morning for an agreed period.
- Further appropriate sanctions in accordance with the school's behaviour policy where non-compliance continues.



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Why is this important?

Our aim is to provide a calm, safe and focused environment in which all pupils can learn. The DfE identifies a number of potential risks associated with mobile phone use in school, including increased opportunities for safeguarding issues where phones or smart glasses are used in bathrooms.

We also want pupils to understand that this is not simply about confiscating phones or imposing sanctions. It is about establishing clear boundaries around technology and helping children develop healthy and responsible habits.

N.B: This also applies to smart glasses. If your child requires a regular pair of glasses, these can be sourced via our on-site eye-care service.

Your support is essential

The DfE guidance specifically highlights the important role parents and carers play in supporting schools to implement mobile phone policies. Parents are encouraged to reinforce the school's expectations at home and to engage constructively with the school if the policy is breached.

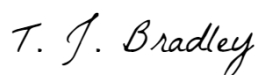
We therefore ask that you speak with your child about these expectations and ensure that, if they bring a mobile phone to school, they understand that it must be handed in on arrival.

If you need to contact your child during the school day, please do so through the **school office**. We will ensure that appropriate messages are passed on and that contact can be facilitated where necessary.

We appreciate that establishing and maintaining this expectation requires a partnership between school, pupils and families. **Your support is crucial in helping us to ensure that our policy is applied consistently and that all pupils benefit from a calm, safe and focused school environment.**

Thank you for your continued support and cooperation.

Yours faithfully,



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