



## Alsop High School

22nd May 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we approach the half-term break, I am writing to share an important update. From **Monday 16th June**, Alsop High School will be enforcing our approach to becoming a **mobile phone and AirPods-free school** during the school day.

This decision reflects our core value of **Be Safe** and is part of our wider commitment to creating a calm, focused and inclusive learning environment for every student.

In line with our value of **Respect**, we will support students through a two-week transition period after the half-term break. During this time, we will provide clear guidance, regular reminders and encouragement before any sanctions are applied. As always, our approach will be **fair, firm and kind**.

### Why are we introducing this policy?

By removing mobile phones & AirPods from the school environment, we aim to:

- Improve focus and academic performance
- Encourage face-to-face social interaction
- Reduce anxiety and social comparison
- Promote healthier digital habits

Please be assured that students **may still bring phones to school** for use during their journey. However, phones must be **switched off and out of sight as students enter the building**.

We will be enforcing a **“never seen, not heard”** policy:

- If a phone or AirPods are seen or used during the school day, they will be confiscated.
- Confiscated devices will be returned at the school’s discretion—either to the student or their parent/carer.

This is the **first step** in fully implementing our mobile-free school policy. Over the coming weeks, I will share more about how we plan to further strengthen our approach to mobile phone use, always with the goal of supporting learning and enhancing student wellbeing as we head into the new term in September.

This policy aligns fully with the **Department for Education’s guidance (February 2024)** on mobile phone use in schools.

### In case of emergency

If you need to contact your child during the school day, for an emergency, you can call the main office on 0151 235 1200.

We are incredibly proud of how our students have embraced our Learning Habits and we have every confidence that they will quickly adapt to this new expectation. Thank you in advance for your continued support.

Yours sincerely,

**Mr P Mee**  
Head of School