



KENNINGTON
PRIMARY SCHOOL

Mobile Phone Use in School (Pupils) Policy

<i>Reviewed by</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>Signed</i>
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1. Purpose

This policy reflects current Department for Education (DfE) guidance (2026) and ensures a calm, safe and mobile phone-free environment for all pupils.

2. School Position

Our school operates a complete ban on pupils bringing mobile phones or similar communication-capable devices onto the school site. This includes smartphones, smartwatches with communication capability, and other internet-enabled wearable devices.

The only exception to this position is where a communication-capable device has been formally approved by the school to support a pupil's medical or disability-related needs.

3. Expectations

Pupils must not use mobile phones at any point during the school day. As devices are not permitted on site, access is prevented entirely.

4. Rationale

This approach supports learning by removing distraction, enhances safeguarding by reducing online risks, and promotes positive behaviour and wellbeing.

5. Communication with Parents/Carers

Parents and carers should contact the school office if they need to reach their child. The school will contact parents/carers if required.

6. Exceptions

The school recognises that, in exceptional circumstances, some pupils may require access to a mobile phone or communication-capable device as part of a medical condition or disability support plan.

This may include pupils who use devices linked to the monitoring and management of medical conditions, including diabetes.

Any such arrangement will:

- be agreed in advance by the Headteacher;

- form part of the pupil's Individual Healthcare Plan, Education Health and Care Plan (where appropriate), or other agreed support plan;
- be risk assessed where necessary;
- involve clear expectations regarding the purpose and use of the device;
- be shared with relevant staff members.

The school will ensure that pupils with medical needs are not disadvantaged by this policy and that appropriate reasonable adjustments are made where required.

Any approved device used solely for medical purposes must only be used in accordance with the agreed healthcare arrangements.

Where a mobile phone is approved for medical monitoring purposes, all other functions not required for the pupil's medical needs should remain unavailable during the school day wherever reasonably possible.

In other exceptional circumstances, the Headteacher may approve an exception. Any approved device must be handed in on arrival and stored securely.

7. Breach of Policy

Any device brought onto the school site will be confiscated and returned only to a parent or carer. Further action may be taken in line with the Behaviour Policy.

7.1 Safeguarding Concerns

Where the misuse of a mobile phone or communication-capable device raises a safeguarding concern, the matter will be referred immediately to the Designated Safeguarding Lead and managed in accordance with the Child Protection and Safeguarding Policy.

8. Responsibility

The school accepts no responsibility for loss, theft or damage to devices brought onto the premises.

9. Monitoring and Review

This policy will be reviewed annually to ensure continued alignment with national guidance and school needs.