

Farmor's School Behaviour and Exclusion Policy Addendum July 2026

Following well publicised new guidance from the Department for Education, section 6.7 Confiscation requires amendments as follows:

6.7.2 There is no expectation that pupils will have a mobile phone or other smart device (ability to connect to the internet) in school.

Pupils in years 8 to 11 are allowed to bring a mobile phone to school with logged permission from a parent; during the school day it must be turned off fully and kept in a bag or locker. Phones, or other smart devices, found to be turned on, seen or heard during the day will be confiscated and locked in Student Services. They will only be returned to a parent or carer and not to a pupil.

Pupils in year 7 from September 2026 are not allowed any smart device in school (e.g. smartphone, smartwatch, smart glasses).

Sanctions for this are escalated in line with section 6.5.3: After-school detention, then isolation for a repeated offence, suspension for further repeated offences in a short period of time.

Exemptions exist for those with a device that monitors their medical condition, by written permission from the Assistant Headteacher (Pastoral).