



Dear Parents and Carers,

Re: Changes to Behaviour Policy – Mobile Phones

You will have seen in the media that the government is making changes that require schools to ensure that students do not have access to their mobile phone throughout the school day. We support this increased protection for young people from the damaging effects of smartphones, which is becoming increasingly documented across the globe.

Our existing school policy, together with parental support and our positive behaviour culture, means that we rarely have issues with students using their phones during the school day.

However, the part of our Behaviour Policy currently in place (quoted on Page 2 of this letter) does not prevent access to phones, so it will not meet the expectations of the government mandate (also quoted on Page 2). We need to revise our procedures and policy, and we therefore welcome the views of parents and carers as part of this process.

As with all things, we seek to take a measured approach to this change. We have identified two possible routes we could take, based on research into what other schools are doing, government guidance and training we have attended. The survey below asks you to rank these two possible routes, and to provide comments/questions (optional). More detail is needed in terms of clarifying systems and processes, but for now we would like your early views and comments. This feedback will be used to guide the approach we take as a school.

- Survey link [HERE](#)
- Deadline: Friday 12th June 2026

Thank you in anticipation of your engagement with this consultation.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in brown ink, appearing to read 'Mark Surowiec'.

Mark Surowiec, Headteacher
(copied to parents of incoming Year 7 students for this September)
(further content on Page 2)

Wording from Farmor's School current Behaviour Policy:

6.7.2 Pupils are allowed to bring a mobile phone into school, but there is not an expectation to have one. During the school day it should be turned off and kept in a bag or locker. Phones seen or heard during the day will be confiscated and locked in Student Services to collect at the end of the day. Repeated confiscations require a parent to collect the phone and a detention will be given. This includes phones that are accessed through a smart watch.

Wording from new government guidance:

The Department for Education (DfE) expects schools to implement a policy whereby pupils do not have access to their mobile phone throughout the school day including during lessons, the time between lessons, breaktimes and lunchtime.

Full DFE guidance link:

[Mobile phones in schools - GOV.UK](#)

Clause 63 to Children's Wellbeing and Schools Act:

"Prohibition of smartphones during the school day

(1) Within 12 months of the day on which this Act is passed, all schools in England must have a policy that prohibits the use and possession of smartphones by pupils during the school day.

(2) Any policy implemented under subsection (1)—

(a) may provide for exemptions from the policy, or for an alternative policy, for sixth form students, in so far as such exemptions or alternative policies do not negatively impact upon the wider policy,

(b) may provide for exemptions for medical devices,

(c) is to be implemented as the relevant school leader considers appropriate, and

(d) may, where implemented by a boarding school or residential school, include appropriate guidance for the use of certain devices during other periods in which their pupils are on school premises, subject to such policies safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children in accordance with relevant national standards.

(3) For the purposes of this section—

"smartphone" means a mobile telephone that is able to connect to the internet and whose main purpose is not the support of learning or study;

"the school day" includes all time between the start of the first lesson period and the end of the final lesson period."