



Mobile Phone Policy for Pupils

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ISSR	Part 3: Welfare, health and safety of pupils
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Policy Overview

This policy applies to all children at Alley's Oakfield, including those in the EYFS.

Aims

This policy aims to:

- Offer rationale for children having a mobile phone at school
- The type of mobile phone we recommend
- How mobile phones are stored at school

Rationale

Children at Alley's Oakfield do not need a mobile phone or any other "smart device" at any point during the school day. However, the school recognises that a small minority of children (mainly in Year 6) travel to school unaccompanied by an adult. Parents of these children are encouraged to provide a basic 'brick' phone, so they can contact home in the case of an emergency. Parents complete a "travelling to school unaccompanied form" each year where their child's mobile phone details are recorded, and this is stored in the Office.

Type of mobile phone

From September 2026 parents of children who require a mobile phone are requested to provide them with a basic "brick" phone and not a smartphone. This includes smartwatches and any other "smart device". We believe that this will benefit children's mental health and wellbeing as well as keeping them safer on their routes to and from school.

School procedures for storage

On arrival at school, children are required to hand in their mobile phone to the Office, where it is stored until the end of the day. At the end of the day, children collect their mobile phone from the Office and put it straight into their bag. If they need to contact their parents, they must do this supervised from the Office area.

Mobile phones are not to be seen out of bags in any part of the school, even on arrival or departure, other than the reception area.

Staff will confiscate any mobile phone seen out in school, except in the areas mentioned above, and hand it to the Office to be collected by the pupil at an agreed time. The school will apply an appropriate sanction or follow up according to behaviour policy. This may well include discussion with parents.

Mobile phone behaviour and bullying

As referenced in the School's Behaviour policy:

'Behaviour in Schools - Advice for Headteachers and School Staff (February 2024)' states that "Schools have the power to sanction pupils for misbehaviour outside of the school premises to such an extent as is reasonable". This includes bullying via messaging services or social media, even on home devices."

Safety

Children are spoken to frequently about staying safe once they have left the school premises. They are reminded to keep their phones in their school bags, and to keep them out of sight when on public transport.