



Mobile Phone Free Policy

Date	Next review	Responsible Person
April 26	As required	Headteacher

1. Policy Statement

Ashdene Primary School is a mobile phone free school. We believe that mobile phones can negatively impact children's wellbeing, concentration, behaviour and social interactions. In order to maintain a safe, calm and purposeful learning environment, pupils are not permitted to use mobile phones during the school day.

This policy applies to all pupils while on the school premises, including during the school day, break times, lunchtimes, before school, after school, and during school visits unless otherwise agreed by the Headteacher.

2. Aims

This policy aims to:

- support pupils' safety and wellbeing
- reduce distraction during learning time
- prevent misuse of mobile phones, including social media access
- reduce safeguarding risks related to photography, filming or online communication
- promote positive behaviour and face-to-face friendships

3. Mobile Phones in School

General Rule

Pupils should **not bring mobile phones to school**.

4. Exception – Year 6 Pupils Walking Independently

The only exception to this rule is:

Year 6 pupils who are permitted to walk to and from school independently

These pupils may bring a mobile phone to school **for safety reasons only**, to allow communication with parents/carers before or after school.

No other pupils are permitted to bring a mobile phone into school unless explicitly agreed in advance by the Headteacher.

5. Procedure for Bringing a Mobile Phone to School

Where a Year 6 pupil brings a phone to school:

- The phone must be **switched off** before entering the school premises.
- On arrival, the phone must be **handed immediately to the class teacher**.
- The phone will be stored during the school day.
- At the end of the school day, the phone will be returned to the pupil by the class teacher.

Pupils are not permitted to access their phone at any time during the school day.

6. Smart Watches and Similar Devices

Smart watches or devices that allow communication, photography, video recording or internet access are treated in the same way as mobile phones.

Where these devices are worn, the school may require them to be removed and stored securely during the day.

7. Misuse of Mobile Phones

Mobile phones must never be used to:

- take photographs or videos
- record audio
- access social media or messaging apps
- contact other pupils during the school day
- share inappropriate content

Any misuse will be treated as a serious behaviour matter and dealt with in line with the school Behaviour Policy.

8. If a Phone is Brought to School Without Permission

If a pupil brings a phone to school without permission:

- the phone will be confiscated and stored.
- parents/carers may be asked to collect the phone from the school office
- repeated breaches may result in consequences in line with the behaviour policy.

9. Loss, Theft or Damage

Ashdene Primary School does not accept responsibility for mobile phones that are:

- lost
- stolen
- damaged

This includes phones brought to school with permission. Pupils bring mobile phones to school at their own risk, and parents/carers should consider whether it is necessary for their child to bring a phone.