Mobile Phones, Smart Devices and AI Wearables Policy

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Review:	The document should be reviewed by a nominated member of staff and updated annually if required; after ratification or earlier if there is any new local or national guidance, changes in process, or legislation.
Purpose of Document:	To give guidance on the school's expectations regarding the possession and use of mobile phones, smart devices and artificial intelligence (AI) enabled wearable technology by students, staff, volunteers, contractors and visitors.
Implementation:	The procedures will be accessed via the THS Policies team
Dissemination:	The procedures will be available to all staff, teaching and non-teaching

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1. Introduction

This policy sets out the school's expectations regarding the possession and use of mobile phones, smart devices and artificial intelligence (AI) enabled wearable technology by students, staff, volunteers, contractors and visitors.

The school is committed to providing a safe, respectful and distraction-free learning environment. In line with Department for Education Mobile Phones in Schools guidance, the school operates as a mobile phone and smart device-free environment during the school day.

2. Legislative and Regulatory Framework

This policy has been developed with regard to:

- DfE Mobile Phones in Schools statutory guidance (2026)
- DfE Behaviour in Schools guidance
- Keeping Children Safe in Education (KCSIE)
- Searching, Screening and Confiscation guidance
- Equality Act 2010
- Children and Families Act 2014
- UK GDPR and Data Protection Act 2018

3. Related School Policies

This policy should be read alongside:

- Behaviour Policy
- Safeguarding and Child Protection Policy
- Online Safety Policy
- Staff Code of Conduct
- Anti-Bullying Policy
- Data Protection Policy
- SEND Policy
- Medical Needs Policy

4. Policy Aims

- Promote a calm and purposeful learning environment.
- Minimise disruption to education.
- Protect pupils and staff from online risks.
- Support safeguarding arrangements.
- Establish clear expectations regarding emerging technologies including AI wearables.

5. Definitions

Mobile Phones: Any handheld device capable of making calls, messaging, internet access or running applications.

Smart Devices: Any electronic device capable of communication, recording, internet access or data transmission.

AI Wearables: Any wearable device that uses artificial intelligence, collects data, records information or provides AI-assisted functionality.

6. School Position

The school operates a mobile phone and smart device-free environment throughout the school day.

7. AI Wearables

The school operates a zero-tolerance approach to AI wearables.

AI wearables are not permitted on school premises or during any school activity.

This includes, but is not limited to:

- AI Smart Glasses
- AI Recording Glasses
- AI Smart Rings
- Wearable AI Assistants
- AI-Enabled Earbuds

8. Expectations for Pupils

Pupils must not:

- Use mobile phones during the school day.
- Access social media on personal devices.
- Record audio or video.
- Bring AI wearables onto the school site.

9. Expectations for Staff

Staff must model appropriate use of technology and consistently enforce this policy.

10. Safeguarding and Online Safety

Any safeguarding concerns relating to device use will be referred to the Designated Safeguarding Lead.

11. Reasonable Adjustments

Reasonable adjustments may be considered where required for disabilities, medical conditions, EHCP requirements or safeguarding needs.

12. Breaches, Searches and Confiscation

Authorised staff may search for and confiscate devices in accordance with legislation, DfE guidance and the school's Behaviour Policy.

13. Alternative Provision Statement

As an Alternative Provision setting, individual arrangements may be agreed through risk assessment where necessary.

The prohibition on AI wearables remains in force unless a documented medical or disability-related adjustment has been approved.

14. Monitoring and Review

This policy will be reviewed annually or sooner in response to changes in legislation, guidance or emerging technologies.