

Trust Position Statement: Pupil Mobile Phones on School Sites

The Trust is committed to maintaining a safe, calm and focused learning environment across all its schools. To support this, **pupils are not permitted to access or use their mobile phones during the school day.** All pupils must hand in their phone on arrival each day and will have it returned to them at the end of the school day.

We recognise that for a small number of pupils, **mobile phones may be used to support communication, regulation or wellbeing.** In such cases, the Trust is committed to ensuring that the pupil's needs continue to be met **without reliance on a mobile device.** Schools will work with pupils, families and relevant professionals to implement **appropriate and effective adjustments**, so that necessary support remains in place.

Pupils and families are reassured that parents and carers can **contact the school at any time** should an urgent need arise. If a pupil needs to receive a message during the school day, the school will ensure this is communicated promptly and sensitively. This reassurance is particularly important for pupils with **SEMH-related anxieties**, who may need to know that contact can be made if necessary.

Where reasonable adjustments are required to support a pupil's emotional needs or anxiety around handing in their phone, schools will work collaboratively with the pupil and family to design a **personalised and practical process** that ensures the phone is safely handed in while still supporting the pupil's wellbeing.

For some pupils who are accessing work placement, or independent travel training, as well as young people who stay residentially, it may be deemed appropriate to support safe use of a mobile phone in full agreement with parents. This would form part of their preparation for independent life beyond school.

Each school within the Trust operates its own local procedures for the collection, storage and return of mobile phones. These procedures all sit under the principles outlined in this Trust Position Statement and are applied consistently and respectfully.

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