



Alsager School

MOBILE PHONE AND DEVICES POLICY (EFFECTIVE 01/06/2026)

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Our Vision:

Alsager School is committed to providing a positive school experience, where pupils can learn and thrive without the distractions and interruptions of modern technology. As such, we wish to ensure that Alsager School is a mobile phone free site during the school day.

Aims:

This policy aims to set out the processes and procedures necessary to create a mobile phone and device free learning environment for pupils and teachers during the school day.

Thereby:

- Eliminating phone-related disruptions during lessons and social times
- Improving student engagement and concentration
- Keeping pupils safe by reducing inappropriate phone use
- Supporting staff by removing the burden of managing phone-related issues
- Reducing dependency and enhancing focus
- Improving mental health.

Links to other policies and statutory guidance:

This policy is based on legislation and guidance from the Department for Education (DfE) on:

- [Behaviour in schools: advice for headteachers and school staff 2024](#)
- [Searching, screening and confiscation: advice for schools 2022](#)
- [The Equality Act 2010](#)
- [Keeping Children Safe in Education](#)
- [Use of reasonable force in schools](#)
- [Supporting pupils with medical conditions at school](#)
- [Sharing nudes and semi-nudes: advice for education settings working with children and young people](#)

It is also based on the [Special Educational Needs and Disability \(SEND\) Code of Practice](#).

In addition, this policy is based on: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/mobile-phones-in-schools/mobile-phones-in-schools> DfE guidance on the use of mobile phones in schools

Schedule 1 of the [Education \(Independent School Standards\) Regulations 2014](#); paragraph 7 outlines a school's duty to safeguard and promote the welfare of children

This policy complies with our funding agreement and articles of association.

Please note that this policy also applies to smart watches, ear pods and any other communication devices that are internet or Bluetooth enabled and/or allow students to communicate with one another electronically.

Roles and Responsibilities

Parents

Parents have an important role in supporting the school's policy on prohibiting the use of mobile phones. Parents are encouraged to reinforce and discuss the policy at home as appropriate, including the risks associated with mobile phone use and the benefits of a mobile phone-free environment. Where parents need to contact their child during the school day, they should telephone the school office (01270 871100). Staff will ensure that messages are passed to pupils as appropriate.

Where parents have questions or concerns relating to the policy these should be raised with their child's Head of College in the first instance.

Staff

All staff should consistently enforce the school's policy on the use of mobile phones.

Staff should refrain from using their own mobile phone for personal reasons in front of pupils throughout the school day. This will empower staff to better challenge pupils to meet the school expectations and effectively enforce the prohibition of mobile phones throughout the school day.

They should report any breaches of the policy as soon as possible, taking appropriate action and recording any incidents on CPOMs.

Pupils

Pupils in years 7 to 11, who choose to bring a mobile phone to school, must turn the phone off, place it in a phone pouch and lock the pouch before entering the school site. At the end of the school day, pupils will be able to unlock the pouches using one of the magnets provided around the school site.

Alsager School will provide all pupils in years 7 – 11 with individual phone pouches supplied by Phone Pouches UK. The phone pouch will be classed as school property and must be retained by the pupil throughout their time in school.

All mobile phones and standalone internet and Bluetooth-enabled devices must be switched off and placed in the UK Phone Pouch as students enter the school site at the beginning of the school day.

External perimeter gates (Long Drive, Church Gate and D&T entrance) will open to students from 8:20am. Any student who arrives at school between 8:00am and 8:20am can enter school via the reception entrance and will be expected to follow the same process as outlined above.

Students will be welcomed and supported by school staff as they enter school. Phone pouches remain locked until the end of the school day (3:10pm) when locking stations will become accessible.

If a student arrives to school without their pouch, they will be asked to hand in their phone to staff supporting on the gate.

Mobile phones which have been handed in at the beginning of the school day can be collected by students from the College Office at 3:10pm.

Students who lose their pouch or who have deliberately damaged it will be expected to pay for a new one. In instances such as this, a new Phone Pouch is to be purchased via Parent Pay at a cost of approximately £20.

Enforcing the policy

Any device which is found not properly locked in a student's phone pouch or which goes off whilst in a phone pouch will be confiscated until the end of the school day.

Pupils who have sought to deliberately circumvent the policy will be subject to a serious sanction in addition to having the device confiscated. Pupils accessing any mobile phone or device will receive a serious sanction. Pupils who have not followed the policy will be subject to daily searches with a handheld magnetic wand.

Refusal to hand mobile phones or other electronic devices over to staff when first requested will result in more serious sanctions.

Multiple breaches of the mobile phone policy will result in escalating sanctions, in line with our behaviour policy.

Routine spot checks will be carried out during the school day to help ensure consistent application of the policy. These will involve pouches being opened by staff to ensure devices are turned off and locked in the pouch as expected. Spot checks may also include searches using a handheld 'wand' scanner – a brief and non-intrusive process. Bags may also be searched. These searches will take place if there are reasonable grounds to believe a student may be in possession of a forbidden device.

Reasonable Adjustments

Pupils who require the use of a mobile device for certified health reasons will be issued with a dummy pouch and must refrain from using the mobile device for anything other than those stated in their healthcare plan.

Loss, theft or damage

The school accepts no responsibility for mobile phones that are lost, damaged or stolen on school premises or transport, during school visits or trips, or while pupils are travelling to and from school.