

# Aylesford School

## and Sixth Form College



### Acceptable use policy: Mobile phones

**Secondary phase:** 7 to 11

The school understands that mobile phones are useful and highly desirable possessions. However, in education settings their unsupervised use can be highly disruptive to the learning, social development and friendly cooperation of all our students. In some cases, if misused, the audio visual capabilities of these devices can also create a very real threat to the privacy and the safety of other members of the school community.

As a result the school **expressly prohibits the use of mobile phones for any reason once students have safely arrived at school**. Students are permitted to bring mobile phones into school but must ensure on arrival that their devices are switched off and securely stored out of sight until they have left for home at the end of the school day.

It should be understood that the school takes no responsibility for the loss or damage to mobile phones if they are brought into school.

Failure to comply with this policy may lead to confiscation of devices in line with the statutory guidance (2018) issued to schools by the Department for Education.

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The use of any electronic device to film, photograph or invade the privacy of others in our school community will be viewed as a serious and significant breach of the school's safeguarding policies.

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