

Aylesford School

and Sixth Form College



Acceptable use policy: Mobile phones

Primary Year 6

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 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 in Year 6 are permitted to bring mobile phones to school by prior arrangement with the Director of Primary Education. All devices must be handed to staff on arrival and collected before leaving school for home. It is worth remembering that the school takes no responsibility for the loss or damage to mobile phones if they are brought into school.

Refusal 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.

https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/674416/Searching_screening_and_confiscation.pdf

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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