

Tuesday 24th February 2026

Dear Parent/Carers,

Re: Feedback from mobile phone survey

I would like to extend my sincere thanks to all families who took the time to share their constructive and thoughtful feedback regarding the Department for Education’s strengthened focus on ensuring that schools operate as mobile-phone-free environments by default.

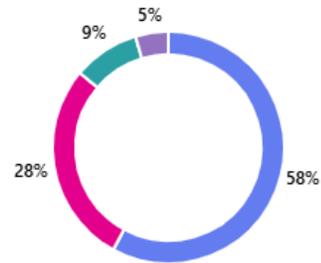
As many of you noted in your responses, our school has upheld a clear and consistent mobile phone policy for the past fourteen years. Students are required to switch off their phones at 8:35am, and they may only be turned on again at 3:05pm. If a mobile phone is seen or heard during the school day, it is immediately confiscated and a detention is issued. On average, we return around five phones per day across a school population of 1,028 students, which reflects the generally high levels of compliance.

However, it is essential that we do not become complacent. Listening attentively to the current views of parents, students, and staff helps us ensure that our approach remains effective, proportionate, and aligned with our school’s values. I am pleased to share that the feedback received was overwhelmingly supportive of retaining our existing policy, while strengthening our implementation through more rigorous quality assurance checks.

Please see below the responses from parents:

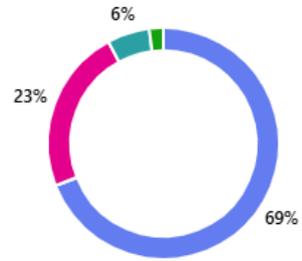
3. How satisfied are you with the current mobile phone policy?

● Very satisfied	88
● Satisfied	43
● Neutral	14
● Dissatisfied	7
● Very dissatisfied	0



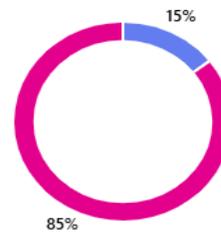
5. Do you agree with that students should learn to self-regulate their mobile phone use as an important life skill?

● Strongly agree	105
● Agree	35
● Neutral	9
● Disagree	0
● Strongly Disagree	3



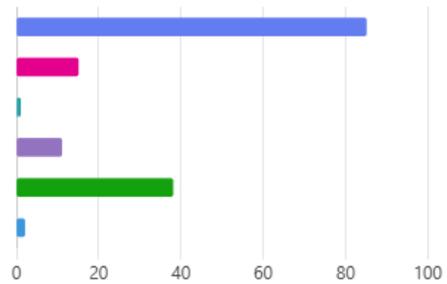
8. Do you have any concerns about the current policy?

● Yes	22
● No	129



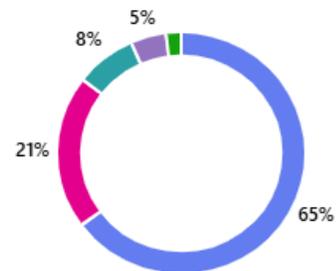
10. Which approach do you feel is most appropriate for managing mobile phone use in school?

● Keep the current policy	85
● Strengthen the current policy	15
● Introduce a complete phone ban (phones left at home or handed in at reception)	1
● Phone lockers in each classroom	11
● Phone pouches / locked pouches	38
● Something else	2



12. Do you believe the current number of daily confiscations (5 per day out of 1,028 students) indicates the policy is working effectively?

● Yes	98
● Mostly	31
● Not sure	12
● No	7
● Definitely not	3



Your opinions are highly valued, and your feedback plays an important role in shaping our decisions. At this stage, we will not be moving towards a complete ban on mobile phones. Many students travel from across five different boroughs, and their phones serve important practical functions, such as digital bus passes, emergency contact information, and cashless payments. Additionally, we believe it is more beneficial to continue directing school funding towards teaching, learning, and the curriculum, rather than the significant financial outlay required for mobile phone pouches or locker systems.

To further reinforce our mobile phone policy and ensure a safe, focused learning environment, the school will maintain fully staffed toilets throughout the day so that students can access wellbeing products and improve supervision to reduce the risk of students using their mobile phone. In addition, spot checks will take place during the school day to ensure all students continue to comply with the expectations around mobile phone use. Since introducing the removal of mobile phones for students who arrive after 8:45am, without a valid reason or communication from home, we have seen a significant improvement in punctuality. Building on this positive impact, these measures will continue to support a consistent, calm, and disruption-free school day.

This position will, of course, remain under review. Nonetheless, it is clear from the survey that parents, staff, and students recognise the importance of self-regulation and self-discipline, skills that are essential not only for academic success but also for future employability and adulthood.

Thank you once again for your time, your thoughtful contributions, and your ongoing support. It is through this strong partnership that we continue to ensure the very best environment for all our students.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Kate McCourt

Headteacher