



27th January 2025

Dear Parents and Families,

I am writing to remind you of the school policy on pupils using their mobile phones in school.

At Combe Pafford School, pupils in Years 4-11 are not allowed to use mobile devices at any point during the school day 8:55am - 3:25pm.

Mobile phones that are brought into school are collected by class teachers on arrival to morning registration. Mobile phones are securely stored within classrooms during the day. Mobile phones are returned to pupils at the end of the school day at 3:25pm.

In February 2024, the Government released new guidance on mobile phone use in schools. We have made some slight adjustments to our Mobile Phone Policy to reflect the guidance. Our updated Mobile Phone Policy has now been approved by school governors and can be viewed on our school website or by clicking [here](#).

Key updates to the policy of interest to parents:

Smart watches with technology similar to a mobile phone (the ability to send and receive messages via mobile networks or the ability to record audio and/or video) are **not** to be brought into school.

Failure to hand in mobile devices to teachers will lead to confiscation. Confiscated devices will be held by a member of the Senior Leadership Team until the end of the school day and parents will be informed.

Exceptions to the rules on mobile phones and smart watches will apply to Sixth Form students and to a minority of pupils, for example, pupils with medical needs that use technology to monitor blood sugars etc. An Acceptable Use Agreement applies in these circumstances.

Parents/carers must use the school office as the first point of contact if they need to get in touch with their child during the school day. Parents must not try to contact their child on their personal mobile during the school day.

Please remind your child about the rules around mobile phones. We rely on your support to help our pupils concentrate in class without distraction, maintain our school rules and standards of behaviour.

If you have any questions about our policy, please contact Mrs McVeigh through the school office or class teachers through Class Charts.

Yours Sincerely,

Mrs J McVeigh
Deputy Headteacher

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