



## BJS Federation of Schools

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### Subject: Consultation on Proposed Mobile Phone and Handheld Device Policy

Dear Families and School Community,

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Dear Parents and Carers,

We are writing to inform you of a proposed update to our school's mobile phone policy and to invite your feedback as part of our consultation process.

Following careful consideration and discussions within the school leadership and wider community, we are proposing to ban the use of **smartphones** by pupils in school. This decision is driven by a commitment to safeguarding and protecting the wellbeing of our children and the school community.

We are increasingly concerned about the impact that smartphone use can have on primary-aged children, including exposure to inappropriate content, online bullying, and access to social media platforms that are not age-appropriate. Many popular apps – such as TikTok, Instagram, Snapchat, and WhatsApp – have **minimum age restrictions of 13 or older**, meaning primary school children should not be using them at all.

While we recognise that mobile phones may be used responsibly outside of school hours, we believe that **smartphones have no place in a primary school environment**. The proposed policy will not prevent children from carrying a basic mobile phone when travelling to and from school (and only with permission), but it will make clear that **smartphones will not be permitted on school premises under any circumstances**.

This is in line with recent changes implemented by several local secondary schools, who have also introduced similar restrictions to safeguard pupils and promote positive digital habits.

We value your views and invite you to share your feedback on this proposal. Please find attached a draft of the updated Mobile Phone Policy. Comments or questions can be submitted via online form.

<https://forms.gle/aPuWL5ejFF3ZUiX37>

We encourage all parents and carers to respond by **Friday 18<sup>th</sup> July**, when the consultation process will come to an end.

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Thank you for your ongoing support in helping us to create a safe and focused learning environment for all our pupils.

For more information on the governments advice on mobile phones in school use this [link](#)

### Timeline

- Governor/ Executive SLT Consultation period Friday 27<sup>th</sup> June 2025
- School Community consultaion period Friday 11<sup>th</sup> July – Friday 18<sup>th</sup> 2025
- Implementation Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2025

Regards,

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