



# ABBOT'S LEA SCHOOL

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Dear Families,

## **Ref: Mobile phones and other Internet-enabled devices brought to school by students**

I am writing to reiterate our expectations regarding students bringing mobile phones and other internet-enabled devices into school.

Firstly, I would like to say how pleased we are with our students. The vast majority consistently demonstrate respect and cooperation by following our expectations around handing in all such devices at the start of the school day - this is something of which we are very proud, and we thank our students for their compliance.

As outlined in our safeguarding procedures, students are required to hand in any internet-enabled devices upon arrival at school so that we can maintain a safe and focused learning environment. Devices are then returned to students at the end of the day as they leave for transport.

To further strengthen our approach and ensure consistency and safety during transport times, we are introducing the following expectations:

- Students should switch their phones off before leaving their transport and prior to entering the school premises in the morning.
- Students should only switch their phones back on once they have left the premises and are on their transport at the end of the day.

This small adjustment will help us maintain a calm, safe, and well-managed environment during some of the busiest parts of the day—particularly during arrival and departure, when staff are focused on physical safety supporting large numbers of students, rather than on the students' online activity.

It also supports our wider commitment to safeguarding by ensuring that students are present, supervised, and fully engaged during these key transition times.

We understand that mobile phones can play an important role for many of our young people, and we will always take individual needs into account. If your child requires access to their phone for a specific reason (for example, life-critical monitoring of their medical needs), please contact the school so that appropriate arrangements can be made.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support. By working together, we can maintain the high standards that help keep our students safe, settled, and ready to learn.

Yours sincerely

Mrs E Tobin  
Deputy Headteacher