

Kilburn Infant & Nursery School

MOBILE PHONES POLICY

Introduction and Aims

Our policy aims to:

- ✓ Ensure our environment is mobile phone-free by default
- ✓ Ensure the safe, responsible and lawful use of mobile phones, where applicable
- ✓ Provide clear guidelines for the use of mobile phones for pupils, staff, parents/carers, visitors and volunteers
- ✓ Support additional KINS policies, especially those policies related to Child Protection and Positive Relationships

Relevant guidance

This policy meets the requirements of section 36 of the [Children's Wellbeing and Schools Act 2026](#) and the Department for Education (DFE)'s [mobile phone guidance](#) and [behaviour guidance](#). Further guidance that should be considered alongside this policy includes [Keeping Children Safe in Education \(KCSIE\)](#), which sets out the expectation that all schools should be mobile phone-free environments by default.

Use of mobile phones by staff

The DFE's mobile phone guidance states that staff should not use their own mobile phone for personal reasons in front of pupils throughout the school day. All schools should be mobile phone-free environments by default and anything other than this should be an exception only. Use of personal mobile phones must be restricted to non-contact time and to areas where pupils are not present.

There may be circumstances in which it is appropriate for a member of staff to have use of their phone during contact time, for personal reasons. For example:

- For emergency contact by their child, or their child's school
- In the case of acutely ill dependents or family members

The Headteacher will decide on a case-by-case basis whether to allow for special arrangements.

If special arrangements are not deemed necessary, school staff can use the school office phone number as a point of emergency contact.