

Mobile Phone Protocol

A stylized landscape graphic. The top half is white. The bottom half is divided into a green curved band at the top and a dark teal band below it. In the teal band, there is a white circle on the left and a white wavy line below it. In the bottom right corner of the teal band, there is a list of five words.

Pride
Passion
Partnership
Professionalism
Positivity

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Overview

This protocol ensures that Fen Rivers school is a mobile phone-free environment by default, in line with Keeping Children Safe in Education (KCSIE) 2026 and the Department for Education statutory guidance [Mobile phones in schools](#) (June 2026). It is clear that the department expects schools to implement a policy whereby pupils do not have access to their mobile phone throughout the school day including during lessons, the time between lessons, breaktimes and lunchtime. Mobile phones and other smart technology with similar functionality are prohibited, except where an authorised exception applies following an assessment of need.

Procedures

Phones and all other electronic devices must be handed in on arrival on site. These will be charged ready for the taxi journey home. Any breach of this policy could result in children being asked not to bring phones or devices for the journey.

Approved Exceptions

Exceptions will be considered on an individual basis and may relate to disability, medical needs, accessibility requirements, therapeutic support, safeguarding concerns, EHCP provision or AAC communication needs. Decisions will be risk-assessed, recorded, communicated to parents/carers and reviewed periodically. Requests for exception must be made to the headteacher and will be considered on an individual basis.

Safeguarding

The school may search for and confiscate mobile phones in accordance with its Behaviour Policy and applicable statutory powers. Recording, photographing, filming, cyberbullying and inappropriate online activity are prohibited and will be treated as safeguarding and/or behavioural concerns. Any concern must be reported immediately to the Head of Safeguarding, who is our Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL).

Staff, Visitors and Parents

Staff, visitors and parents are expected to support the school mobile phone-free environment and comply with safeguarding expectations regarding mobile devices and photography. Parents should avoid contacting pupils directly during the school day unless there is an emergency, in which case communication should be made through the school office.

Monitoring and Review

This protocol will be reviewed annually and updated in response to changes in statutory guidance.

Protocol Owner and Contact Details

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