



BROMSGROVE SCHOOL

PUPIL MOBILE PHONE POLICY

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Clear guidance on the School's policy for mobile phones is shared with parents and pupils and is reinforced regularly in School and directly with the pupils through tutor times, year group meetings and assemblies. The School recognises the need to balance personal safety and communication with pupils' wellbeing, learning and safeguarding.

Mobile phones must never be used in a way that disturbs learning or infringes upon the privacy, dignity or safety of others. Their use during the School day is tightly controlled in line with the Department for Education guidance [Mobile phones in schools](#) (February 2026).

- During the School day, no Preparatory School pupil is permitted to have a mobile phone on their person, unless there is a specific, agreed medical need requiring access solely for that medical purpose (such as to monitor blood sugar for diabetic pupils). Where this is the case, this is managed in line with the pupil's care plan. Such access does not permit general use of the device for communication or other functions.
- Where a parent believes access to a mobile phone is necessary before the beginning of the formal School day or at the end of the School day, permission may be granted for a phone to be brought into School. This permission must be requested in advance by completing the School's Mobile Phone Permission Form.
- Any mobile phone brought onto the School site must be handed in immediately on arrival (first thing in the morning) to the School Secretary in the School Office and collected on departure from the School site at the end of the day.
- Mobile phones are not permitted in lockers, classroom areas or any other part of the School. Pupils found to have a device on their person during the School day, or not to have handed a device into the School Office, will receive a sanction in line with the School's Sanction Table (Appendix B).
- Boarders whose immediate family members are resident in countries with a significant time difference are encouraged to make contact home during lunchtime. Parents of such pupils do not need to complete the School's Mobile Phone Permission Form; these pupils may bring their mobile phone from the boarding house for this specific purpose and will hand it in to the School Office as Day pupils do. Boarders will undertake calls home in the School Office at lunchtimes, so fully supervised, whilst also allowing adequate privacy.
- Mobile phones must remain switched off while in the School's care and are stored securely during the day.

Any breach of the School's mobile phone rules (during the School day or in the Boarding environment) is likely to result in sanctions in line with Appendix B of these procedures, or the Page House Expectations table (in the Preparatory School Boarding Staff Handbook available on NETconsent). Parents are expected to support the School by reinforcing mobile phone expectations at home.

ELECTRONIC DEVICES/MOBILE PHONE POLICY FOR PREPARATORY SCHOOL BOARDING PUPILS AND PARENTS

We recognise that mobile phones and electronic devices play an important role in helping boarders stay connected with their families and access learning tools. However, we also have a duty to protect pupils' wellbeing, support age-appropriate use of technology and ensure a healthy balance between screen time and offline life.

All devices brought into the Boarding House must be clearly labelled with your child's name and will be stored securely in the House Office when not in use. On arrival in boarding each academic year, they should be handed across to Boarding House staff. Chargers should also be provided from home.

Years 3 to 5

Pupils in Years 3 to 5 are not permitted to bring internet-enabled devices into the Boarding House, as School iPads and laptops are available for academic use. However, if you would like your child to have a

mobile phone for family contact, this is permitted. Devices may be used for audio calls and video calls only. The simplest of mobile devices is required for this.

Years 6 to 8

Pupils in Years 6 to 8 may bring one internet-enabled device, such as a mobile phone or tablet. Laptops are not necessary, as School devices are available for prep and academic work. The only exception is for pupils with Special Educational Needs who use a laptop as part of their everyday learning, and this will be arranged in consultation with the Curriculum Support Department. No additional devices are permitted.

Before any device is registered for use in the Boarding House, we ask that parents ensure it is appropriately set up for safe, age-appropriate use with parental monitoring and restrictions strongly advised. A consent and app declaration form will be provided at the start of the academic year. This form can also be completed in advance of boarders' arrival. [Click here](#).



To complete the consent and app declaration form, you will require the following information:

- you child's name and year group
- confirmation that your child has only one device
- make and serial number of the sole device
- phone number for the device.

Below are Boarding House contact numbers which should be saved in your child's contacts on their device (a separate note will need to be made of the extension number):

- Page House mobile: 07586 129100
- Main Page office: 01527 579679 ext. 452
- Conway Page office: 01527 579679 ext. 607

Device Expectations, Use and Oversight

- Smart watches are not permitted in the Boarding Houses or at the Prep School.
- Pupils should not bring any device that connects independently to the internet, other than their registered mobile phone or tablet (if permitted); this is to ensure the safe and appropriate use of technology in line with our safeguarding protocols.
- Devices are handed out during designated phone times and returned to the House Office afterwards.
- Devices are not permitted in bedrooms and must only be used in common areas where there is adult oversight and supervision.
- All internet access through the School's Wi-Fi network is monitored and filtered to help protect pupils from inappropriate or unsafe content; however, if a pupil chooses to disable Wi-Fi and access the internet via mobile data (3G, 4G, or 5G), this bypasses the School's filtering and monitoring systems. For this reason, we strongly recommend that parental controls are enabled on all devices to help ensure safe and responsible use when being used off the School Wi-Fi (including on trips or town visits).
- Phone/device lockers are checked each evening to ensure all devices have been returned and pupils do not have unsupervised access to devices overnight.
- Any pupil found in possession of an undeclared or additional device will receive a sanction, which may include the withdrawal of phone privileges, except for communication home.

Social Media and Apps

While we understand that many children use apps and platforms to communicate, it is essential that families follow UK age guidance and support appropriate use.

The following apps are rated 13+ in the UK and are therefore not appropriate for most Prep School boarders: WhatsApp, Facebook, Instagram, Snapchat, TikTok, X (formerly Twitter), Wink.

If you allow your child to access these or similar platforms, it is important to be aware of the potential risks involved, such as cyberbullying, inappropriate content, apps with anonymous messaging or location-sharing features.

For international pupils, there may be different age restrictions on different apps/video platforms that your child may have access to, and you should ensure you are aware of the age restrictions. At minimum, you are advised to check the safety and privacy settings on each app/video platform. Most social media apps have the option to: (1) set an account to private (2) not allow friend requests (3) hide the user's location. We recommend any settings on your child's device are carefully checked before handing a device across to boarding staff. If you provide consent for your child to use any of these apps, you are accepting the risks that come with their use (such as cyberbullying, inappropriate content, apps with anonymous messaging or location-sharing features, etc).

In summary, we strongly advise that your child does not have access to age-restricted apps or video platforms.

Phone times

Device usage is limited each day, however the children are permitted to use their phones at the following times during the week:

Weekdays:

- Years 3 to 5 6:45 – 7:15pm, Monday to Friday – for the purpose of calling home
- Year 6 7:00 – 7:30pm, Monday to Friday – general device time and calls home
- Year 7 7:30 – 8:00pm, Monday to Friday – general device time and calls home
- Year 8 7:30 – 8:30pm, Monday to Friday – general device time and calls home

Weekends:

- All year groups 3:00 – 4:00pm, Saturday and 10:30 – 11:30am, Sunday
 - Years 3 to 5 for the purpose of calling home
 - Years 6 to 8 general device time and calls home