

6th February 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

Personal Electronic Devices (Including Mobile Phones) Policy

I am writing to share with you our Personal Electronic Devices (Including Mobile Phones) Policy, which applies to all pupils at Lowton Church of England High School.

We understand that many parents and carers provide mobile phones to their children for reasons of safety and communication. We value this, and we appreciate the trust you place in us to care for your child during the school day. However, both national guidance and our experience in school show that the use of personal electronic devices during the school day can present significant challenges in relation to safeguarding, pupil wellbeing, and behaviour.

In order to create a safe, calm, and focused learning environment for all pupils, the school operates a strict no-use policy. This means that all personal electronic devices must be switched off and kept out of sight from the moment pupils enter the school site until they leave at the end of the day.

If a device is seen or used during the school day, it will be confiscated and a sanction issued in line with the school's Behaviour Policy. This approach allows us to apply expectations consistently and fairly, and to protect pupils and staff from the risks associated with mobile phone use in school.

To be clear, pupils are not permitted to use personal devices to contact home during the school day.

If communication is needed, pupils can ask the Pastoral Office to contact home on their behalf. Any use of a mobile phone during the school day, including contacting home, will result in a sanction.

If parents or carers need to contact their child urgently, they should telephone the School Office, who will ensure that messages are passed on appropriately.

Exceptions to this policy are made only where a pupil requires access to a device for medical reasons, and where this is clearly documented in an agreed medical care plan.

We understand that for many pupils, having a mobile phone can provide comfort and a sense of security. Please be reassured that our pastoral team is always available to support your child if they feel anxious, need to contact home, or have any concerns during the school day. Our aim is not to restrict communication unnecessarily, but to ensure that all pupils can focus on learning and enjoy a safe, positive school experience.

We are very grateful for your support in reinforcing this policy with your child and helping them to understand the expectations and consequences. Working together in this way enables us to maintain high standards of behaviour and safeguarding, and ensure that school remains a positive and focused environment for everyone.

The full policy is available on the school website: [LCEHS Personal Electronic Devices Policy](#)

Thank you, as always, for your continued support.

Yours faithfully,
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