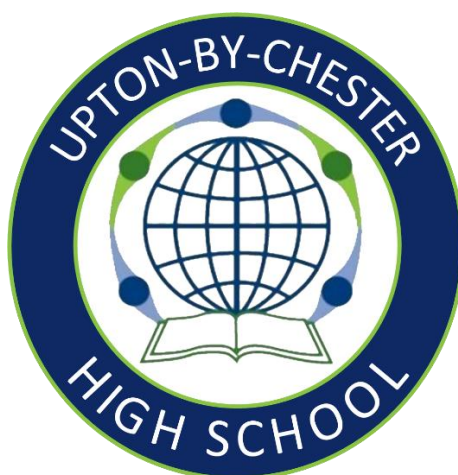


Upton-by-Chester High School

Mobile Phone Policy



Policy Link	
SLT	Mrs E Bradbury
Governor	Mrs S Curtis
Statutory	No

To	Date
Committee	
Full Governing Body	July 2026
Next Review	July 2029
Make available on:	Yes/ No
School website	Yes
Staff shared area	Yes

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Rationale

The absence of mobile phones in our school undoubtedly has a positive impact on learning and progress. Learners are more engaged in their work, more focused on what is going on around them in the classroom, and generally happier with their school experience.

Mobile Phone Policy

Mobile phones are not allowed to be seen, heard or used in school and must be turned off and out of sight. Headphones are also 'classed' as using a mobile phone because they are connected to a phone. Smartwatches can be worn but must not be used for anything other than telling the time.

Phones will not be used in the classroom for learning purposes e.g., whole class quizzes, research, and revision. If the planned learning activity requires the use of technology, the teacher will provide a Chromebook instead. This applies to all pupils in years 7-13. There are a few exceptions to the mobile phone ban which are detailed below.

Exceptions to the mobile phone ban.

- Sixth-form learners are permitted to use their phones in study areas only, for the purpose of their work i.e. in the café and common room only.
- Phone use will be permitted by the teacher, in some subjects, in exceptional circumstances, in order to complete and upload their work. For example: Photography, Media Studies and Textiles.
- Phones will be permitted for learners with medical needs e.g., diabetics who need to monitor blood glucose

School Trips/Visits

The trip leader will decide on the mobile phone policy that will apply to their trip/visit. This may include one of the following:

- Mobile phones can be used by learners during this visit
- Mobile phones need to remain at home during this visit
- Mobile phones can be used at specific times during this visit

Upton-by-Chester's Mobile Phone School Rules

- Learners are allowed to use their phones before 8.40am and after 3.10pm.
- Mobile phones are also banned during after-school referrals.
- If a learner is seen with a mobile phone in school hours, the teacher asks for the phone to be handed to them.
- Confiscated mobile phones will be stored securely in the school office and will be collected from the Deputy Headteacher at the end of the school day.
- If a learner refuses to hand over their phone, they will receive an after-school referral. If the phone is not removed that day, it will be removed the following school day.
- If a learner has their phone confiscated 3 or more times in a term, they will receive a mobile phone ban for 5 school days and will have to hand the phone in for each day of the ban and collect it at the end of each day.
- If parents/ carers wish to keep the phone at home, for the duration of the ban, we ask that this is communicated with school, so that we can confirm the learner does not have their phone.
- Repeat offences will incur further consequences.
- The mobile phone log resets after each full term.