

7<sup>th</sup> March 2024

Dear Parent/Carer

It was reported in the national press over the half-term break that the Department for Education has published new guidance for school on prohibiting the use of mobile phones throughout the school day. It therefore seemed timely to remind all families that our position on mobile phones remains the same as it has been in recent years. Students are able to keep possession of their mobile phones, but they should never be used, seen or heard during the school day. Specifically, mobile phones should be switched off and left in school bags or blazer pockets for the duration of the school day.

Any mobile phone or electronic device brought on site are entirely at the student's own risk. If mobile phones are used, seen or heard, students are fully aware that they will be confiscated for the rest of the school day, and returned at the end of the school day by the relevant pastoral staff. For repeat offences during a half-term period, parents will be asked to collect their child's mobile phone from the school's main reception. The only exception is for sixth form students who are able to use their mobile phones in the Sixth Form Centre when not in lessons.

The school's Mobile Phones Policy can be viewed here:

<https://haileyburyturnford.com/app/uploads/2021/09/Mobile-Phones-Policy.pdf>

The full DfE guidance can be viewed here:

[https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/media/65cf5f2a4239310011b7b916/Mobile\\_phones\\_in\\_schools\\_guidance.pdf](https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/media/65cf5f2a4239310011b7b916/Mobile_phones_in_schools_guidance.pdf)

Many thanks for your support

Yours faithfully



**Robin Newman**  
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