

# HaileyburyTurnford

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13<sup>th</sup> July 2026

Dear Parent/Carer

As part of our ongoing commitment to maintaining the highest standards of behaviour and readiness for learning, we are introducing a strengthened mobile phone policy (including other smart technology devices) from September 2026. Our policy can be viewed here: [Mobile-Phones-Policy.pdf](#)

Haileybury Turnford is committed to providing a calm, safe and distraction-free learning environment for all students. Following a review of our current procedures, and in line with the Department for Education's new statutory guidance regarding mobile phone use in schools, we will be implementing the following expectations across the school from September 2026:

**Mobile phones (including all other smart technology devices) must continue to be switched off and kept out of sight at all times while on the school premises. This is well established practice at our school.**

These expectations apply:

- Before school and once students have entered the main gates near to Reception
- During form time and lessons
- During break and lunchtime
- Between lessons
- After school, until students have left the school site by the main gates near to Reception
- During any enrichment, revision, or after-school activity

If a mobile phone is seen, heard, or used at any time on the school premises, it will be confiscated immediately and may be collected by the student at the end of the school day. This will be recorded on Class Charts as a mobile phone confiscation.

To ensure consistency and fairness, the following sanctions will also apply:

- If a student's mobile phone is seen after 3:05pm, whilst walking from their final lesson to the Reception gates, they will receive a Red Card sanction, and this will apply for the following day.
- At this stage, the mobile phone will not be confiscated.

The vast majority of our students follow our existing policy effectively and the only change will be at the end of the school day at 3:05pm until students leave the school site. We have previously allowed students to use their mobile phones on the school site from 3:05pm.

We would ask that families do not try to contact their children directly during the school day but instead contact the school with any urgent messages.

Students who repeatedly breach the Mobile Phone Policy within the same half-term will be required to hand in their mobile phone each morning to their Pastoral Lead for a specified period of time and not have it on their possession during the school day.



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Sixth Form students are role models within our community and will be expected to follow the same mobile phone expectations whenever they are in the main school building or other main school areas. They can only use their mobile phones **within the Sixth Form building**.

We recognise that mobile phones are an important means of communication between families and students. However, we believe that keeping mobile phones switched off and away during the school day supports students' concentration, wellbeing, social interaction, and overall success in school. These strengthened expectations are intended to ensure that all students can learn and thrive in an environment free from unnecessary distractions.

We ask for your full support in discussing these expectations with your child over the summer break and ensuring they understand the consequences of not adhering to them.

Thank you for your continued support in helping us maintain the high standards that we expect of all members of the Haileybury Turnford community.

Yours faithfully



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