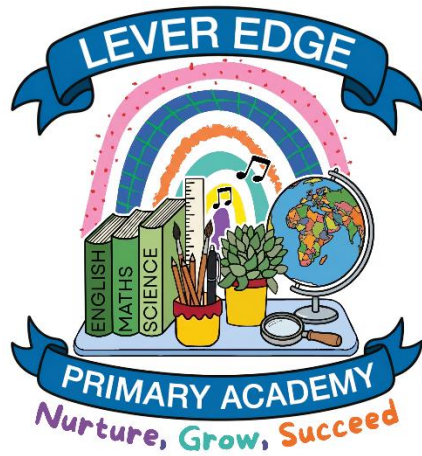


Lever Edge Primary Academy



Mobile Phone Policy

Summer 2026



Lever Edge Primary Academy is committed to providing a safe, calm and focused learning environment. In line with government guidance, the school operates as a mobile phone-free environment.

This policy sets out the expectations for pupils regarding mobile phones and similar smart technology.

Use of Mobile Phones

Mobile phones are not permitted to be used at any time during the school day, including lessons, transition between lessons, breaktimes and lunchtimes.

Pupils must not access mobile phones at any point during the school day.

This applies to smartphones, smartwatches or any device capable of communication or recording.

Bringing Mobile Phones to School

Pupils are strongly discouraged from bringing mobile phones to school.

Where a mobile phone is brought to school, it must be handed in to the school office at the start of the day, stored securely by the school, and collected at the end of the school day when leaving.

Breaches of Policy

If a pupil breaches this policy, the phone will be confiscated and sanctions will be applied in line with the school's Behaviour Policy. Further consequences may be applied for repeated breaches.

Searching

If staff have reasonable grounds to suspect that a pupil is in possession of a mobile phone, the school reserves the right to search pupils and/or their belongings. Searches will be carried out in accordance with school policy and relevant legal guidance.

Exceptions

Exceptions may be made in emergency situations or where a pupil has a specific medical or safeguarding need. Any exception must be agreed in advance with the Headteacher and the device will be kept by the office for the duration of the school day.

Rationale

The school follows government guidance that schools should be mobile phone-free by default and that pupils should not have access to mobile phones during the school day. This supports high standards of behaviour, safety and learning.

Roles and Responsibilities

Pupils must follow this policy at all times. Parents and carers are expected to support the school in reinforcing this policy. Staff are responsible for consistently enforcing the policy and following correct procedures.

Monitoring and Review

This policy will be reviewed regularly by the school leadership team to ensure it remains effective and aligned with national guidance.