



# TENBURY HIGH

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Dear Parents/Carers and Pupils

### Mobile Phones and Smart Devices in School

We are writing to inform you of an important update regarding the use of mobile phones and smart devices in schools.

**With effect from 29<sup>th</sup> June 2026, it is a statutory requirement that pupils do not have access to mobile phones or smart devices, including smart watches, during the school day.**

As you are aware, our school already has a mobile phone policy in place and many of these expectations will therefore be familiar to you. However, under the new legislation, all mobile phones and smart devices brought onto the school site must be handed in at the start of the school day and collected at the end of the day.

This requirement applies to:

- Mobile phones
- Smart watches
- Tablets
- Any internet-enabled smart device capable of communication, messaging, photography, or accessing online content

Our existing arrangements for the safe storage of devices will continue. Pupils who need to bring a device to school for travel or family communication before and after school may do so, but the device must be switched off and handed in at tutor time.

We recognise that some pupils may need to have access to a device for medical reasons, such as monitoring a health condition. Where a device forms part of a pupil's agreed health care plan, appropriate arrangements will be put in place and the pupil will be permitted to retain and use the device as required for their health and wellbeing. If your child requires such an arrangement and this has not already been discussed with the school, please contact us as soon as possible.

We ask for your support in ensuring that your child understands and complies with these requirements. The purpose of this legislation is to support pupils' wellbeing, concentration, safety, and learning by removing distractions during the school day.



Any pupil found to be in possession of a mobile phone or smart device during the school day may be subject to the school's behaviour procedures and sanctions in line with the statutory requirements.

Thank you for your continued support and cooperation. If you have any questions regarding these arrangements, please do not hesitate to contact the school.

Yours sincerely

Mrs V Dean  
**Principal**

