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Dear Parents/Carers,

Kineton High School: Mobile Phone Policy

As our transition activities are fully underway, staff at Kineton and I are looking forward to meeting you and your child on Transition day and the evening on 8th July. In advance of this date, I'd like to inform you of the school's policy around mobile phones, notably Smart-Phones (those that are internet enabled with multiple functions; access to social media apps and cameras) and the rationale for this.

We take the education, safety and well-being of our students very seriously; our professional experience and knowledge has led us to believe that smartphones are affecting our young people's education and health. Kineton High School is working closely with its partner schools in the Stowe Valley Trust and primaries on reviewing policies around mobile phones.

We understand they have many uses and you may have already purchased one for your child. Please read below for the school's expectations for Year 7 students (and those for the rest of the school).

There is a not seen-not heard policy for all mobile phones in school. (All years)

This has been extended to smartwatches (from July 2025). All classroom use of phones (e.g. use of learning apps or quizzes) will stop. Phones are currently confiscated on sight or if heard in school; they are returned to students at the end of the day on a first 'offense'. This will continue to be the case.

If there is a further incident, the phone will be kept for 24 hours and returned at the end of the following day. If this happens on a Friday, the phone will be kept until Monday unless a parent is able to collect on the day.

Sixth formers have designated areas to use phones for study or educational purposes.

From September 2026:

Year 7 and 8 should not bring a smartphone OR smartwatch to school. They will be prohibited items.

Types of phone that are acceptable alternatives to internet-enabled Smartphones can be found here: [alternatives — Smartphone Free Childhood](#) They are sometimes called 'dumbphones' or 'brick phones' but are perfectly adequate for making calls or sending messages. It is understood that you may want to contact your child on their journey to and from school.

Any emergency contact with your child can be done using the school's main number. A member of staff will be able to relay messages as would previously happen in primary school.

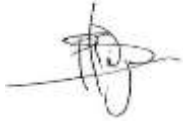
The 'not seen or heard' rule will apply to all year groups. If a Year 7 or 8 student has their phone confiscated, and it is a smartphone, the school will contact parents immediately and expect them to collect. Smartphones will be prohibited for Year 7 & 8 students.

The policy will be reviewed at the end of Year 8 for your child's year group.

Further information can be found on our website here:
<https://www.kinetonhighschool.org.uk/key-information/mobile-phones>

Thank you so much for your support on this matter.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'H. Bridge', written over a horizontal line.

Ms Helen Bridge
Headteacher