



Loughton School Mobile Phones and Smart Watches statement

In line with Department for Education guidance, our school is a **mobile phone-free environment throughout the school day, unless a device has been specifically approved by the school for use to support a pupil's medical need.**

We recognise that some older pupils may need a mobile phone for safety when travelling independently. Therefore, **only pupils in Years 5 and 6 who walk to or from school independently should bring a mobile phone to school**, unless an individual exception has been agreed with the school.

Mobile Phones

- Phones must be **switched off before pupils enter the school premises.**
- On arrival, phones must be **handed to the class teacher.**
- Phones will be stored securely in the **main school office throughout the school day.**
- Pupils will not have access to their phones during lessons, breaktimes or lunchtimes.
- Phones will be returned at the end of the school day and must **remain switched off until pupils have left the school premises.**
- Pupils must not use mobile phones anywhere on the school premises before or after school.

Smart Watches

Smart watches may be worn but must **only be used as a watch** while on the school premises.

They must not be connected to the internet or a mobile network and communication, messaging, calling, camera and recording functions must not be used.

If a smart watch cannot be used solely as a watch, it **should not be brought to school**, unless its use has been specifically agreed to support a medical need.

Contacting Your Child

Parents and carers should **not contact their child directly by mobile phone or smart watch during the school day.**

If you need to contact your child or pass on an important message, please contact the **school office**. If a child needs to contact home, this will also be arranged through the school office.





Year 5 and 6 Agreement

All pupils in **Years 5 and 6** will be asked to sign a **Mobile Phone and Smart Watch Agreement** so that expectations are clear and consistently understood.

If a pupil does not follow these expectations, consequences will be applied **in line with our Relationships (Behaviour) Policy**. This may include the device being confiscated and stored securely. Repeated or serious breaches may result in permission to bring a phone or smart watch to school being withdrawn.

Medical and Individual Needs

Where a mobile phone, smart watch or other device is required to support a **medical need, disability or other individual need**, parents and carers should discuss this with the school. Appropriate arrangements and reasonable adjustments will be agreed on an individual basis.

These expectations help us to maintain a **safe, calm and focused learning environment** while allowing pupils who travel independently to have access to a phone for their journey to and from school.

Thank you for your support in reinforcing these expectations with your child.

