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EQUA Mead Learning Trust – Mobile Phone Policy from 1st September 2026

Dear Families,

From September 2026, all EQUA Mead Learning Trust primary schools will operate as mobile phone-free environments. This means that pupils must not bring mobile phones or any similar smart devices (including smartwatches) onto school premises at any time during the school day, from arrival at the school gate until departure.

This change reflects national guidance and the Trust's expectation that schools should be free from mobile devices in order to maintain a safe, calm and focused learning environment. Removing access to phones during the school day helps to reduce distraction, prevent issues such as cyberbullying, and support children's wellbeing and relationships.

For families, this means the following procedures will apply from September:

- Children should not bring a mobile phone or smart device into school.
- If a parent or carer needs to contact their child during the school day, this should be done by contacting the school office, who will ensure that messages are passed on promptly.
- If a child needs to contact home, this will be arranged through the school using school equipment and staff support.

The policy allows for exceptions only in very limited and exceptional circumstances. Any request must be made in writing and approved by the Headteacher.

Families should be aware that if a phone is brought to school without permission, it will be treated as a breach of the school rules and may be confiscated in line with the Trust's behaviour procedures.

We recognise that some families use mobile phones to support communication when children travel to and from school. The Trust encourages parents and carers to consider alternative arrangements, such as agreeing clear routines, meeting points, or travel plans, so that children do not need to bring phones onto the school site.

We ask all families to follow these procedures and support the implementation of this policy. Further detail is provided in the full Mobile Phone Policy shared alongside this update.



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Thank you in advance for your cooperation with these changes. If you have any questions or require any further clarification, please contact the school.

With best wishes,

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