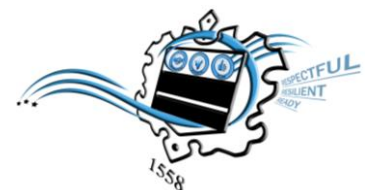


Alleyne's Academy – Mobile Phone Free

Students - The Why?

To create a calm and safe culture that will enable all students to be:



International research suggests...

- **Clear links between mobile phone and teen mental health crisis**
- **Significant increase in inappropriate usage**
- **Distractions**
- **Increase in cyber bullying**

NIHR | National Institute for
Health and Care Research

News

**Teenagers with
problematic smartphone
use are twice as likely to
have anxiety**

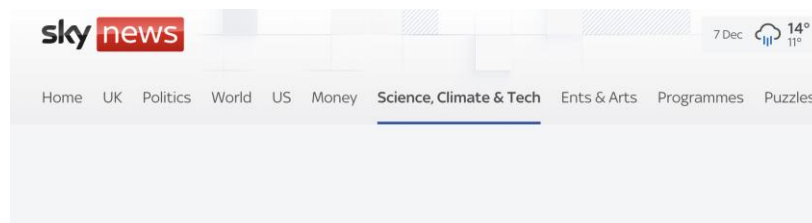
**The
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**Teenagers who report addictive use of
screens at greater risk of suicidal
behaviour, study shows**

Experts find link between compulsive use of social media,
phones and video games and mental health problems

What's in the News!

What the world is doing!



Next week, one of the world's toughest social media bans will come into force

Emma Mason has campaigned for Australia's under-16s ban on TikTok, Instagram, Facebook and other platforms since her daughter Tilly took her own life. But the new law is dividing opinion.

France to trial ban on mobile phones at school for children under 15

'Digital pause' experiment at 200 secondary schools could be extended nationwide in January



A screenshot of the UK Parliament House of Lords Library website. The top navigation bar includes 'Home', 'Research by topic', 'Collections', 'About us', 'Subscribe', and 'Search'. The main heading is 'House of Lords Library'. Below it is a breadcrumb trail: 'UK Parliament > House of Lords Library > In Focus > Smartphones in schools: Practice, policy and international perspectives'. The 'In Focus' section is highlighted. The main article title is 'Smartphones in schools: Practice, policy and international perspectives', published on Tuesday, 14 October, 2025. The author is Eren Waltzman. The article text states: 'Smartphone use among children has raised concerns about its potential effects on their focus and wellbeing. In response, some countries have implemented bans on smartphones in schools, prompting discussion on introducing the policy in the UK. This briefing examines these issues alongside recent policy and children's smartphone usage in the UK.'

What's in the News!

Schools in England should be phone-free all day, education secretary says

Bridget Phillipson says pupils should not use mobiles at any point, as Ofsted prepares to inspect compliance



Schools which ban mobile phones get better GCSE grades, study finds

Secondary schools which impose an effective ban on smartphones are also twice as likely to be rated outstanding by Ofsted as the national average, the report says.

Schools in England told to ban mobile phones all day



MP urges Government to ban children from having phones in school



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Phones to be banned in schools by law in England under government plans



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Nathan Standley

Education reporter

20 April 2026 · 3013 Comments

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The government has said it will introduce a legal ban on smartphones in schools in England.

Education minister Baroness Jacqui Smith told the House of Lords on Monday that the government would table an amendment to its landmark Children's Wellbeing and Schools Bill "creating a clear legal requirement for schools" on

The News

20th & 21st April 2026



INDEPENDENT

Mobile phones to be banned in schools in England under government plans

On Monday evening, peers voted through a Conservative amendment to the Bill on mobile phones

Jasmine Norden

Tuesday 21 April 2026 10:45 BST

25 Comments



Robbie Williams bans children from having phones, describing them as a 'drug'

During Tutor time

- Register the students first followed by stationery check.
- Students to get their stationery out on the desk including their phone pouch. Students to place phone in the pouch and secure.
***Turn mobile off**
- Tutor to walk around the classroom to check that all pouches are securely fastened.
- Students then put the pouch and their stationery into their bags. **YES – you need to have a school bag. You cannot simply carry the phone pouch in your hands, they need to be out of sight**
- If a student forgets to bring their pouch, they must hand their phone in to the tutor. This will be handed in at reception where it can be collected at the end of the school day by the student.
- ***Any medical condition that requires the use of a phone for constant monitoring purposes - students are to use a medical pouch. *(list of students with Doctors letter)**

Students who are late

- **Students sign in at reception first.**
- **Receptionist (or member of office staff) to observe the student putting their phone into the pouch and sealing it.**
- **Student then puts the pouch into their bags before entering the main building.**



Authorised early finish

- **Students to sign out at reception first.**
- **Receptionist (or member of office staff) to unlock the pouch before student exits the building.**



After-school club

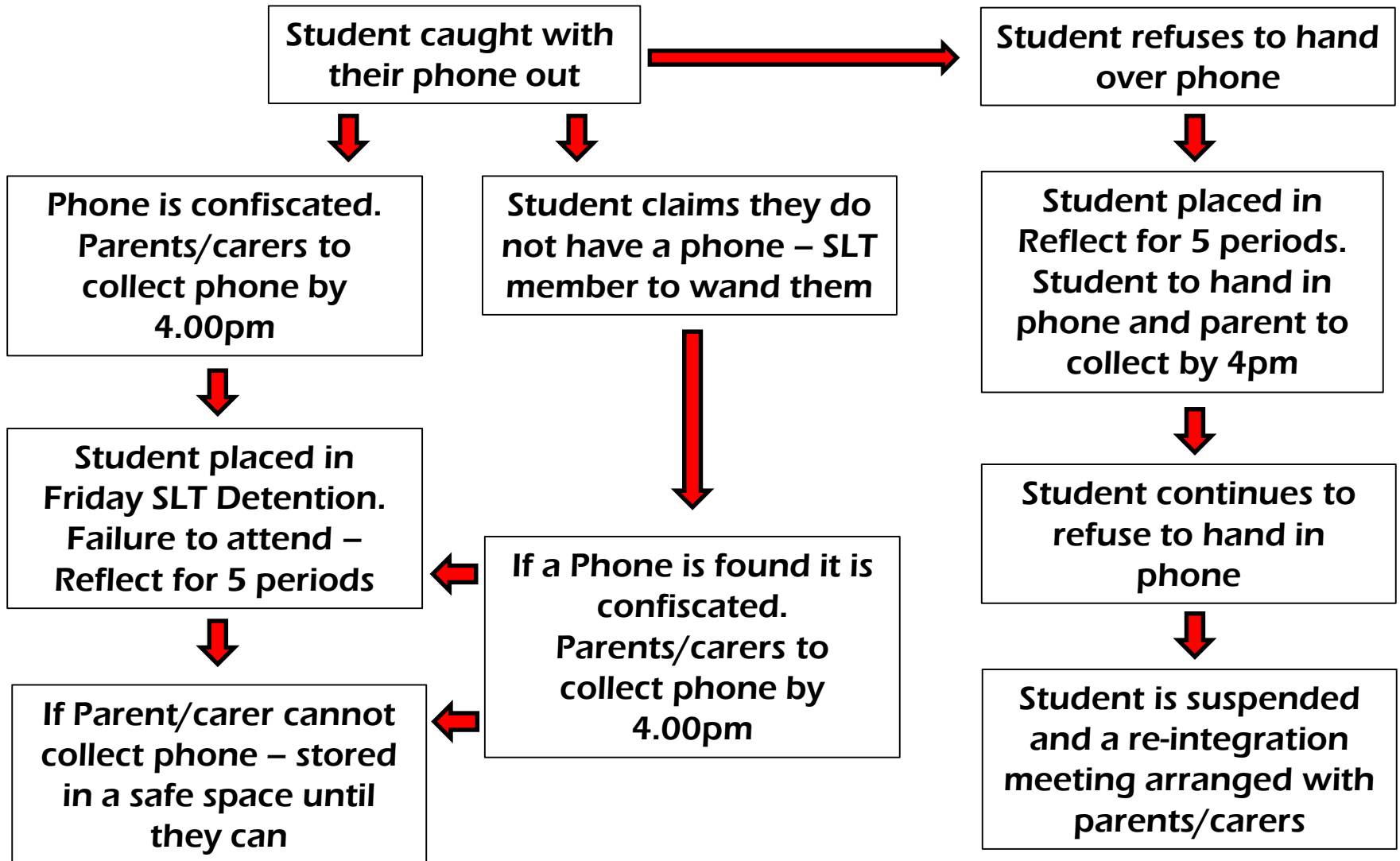
- **Students to keep their phones in the pouches at all times during after-school club.**
- **At the end of the session, students can use the wall mounted magnetic detachers located at the exits as per normal.**



Non Compliance/Sanctions

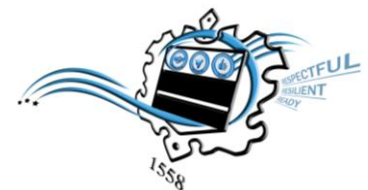
- **If a student is caught with their phone out (not in a pouch) then intervention will be called as normal (HOPS/SLT/Pastoral Support)**
- **Student will be put into a Friday SLT detention (3.15 – 4.00pm) and their phone confiscated. The phone will not be given back to the student, parents/carers will need to come and collect the phone from Reception before 4.00pm.**
- **If a parent/carer cannot collect the phone on the same day, the phone will be stored in a safe place in school until parents/carers can collect it.**
- **If a student refuses to hand in their phone, then they will be placed into Reflect (isolation) for 5 periods. Under rules of the Reflect room, all mobile phones are handed in to reception as a safeguarding precaution. Continued refusal to hand in the phone will result in a suspension. A parent/carer re-integration meeting will also be arranged.**
- **If student states they don't have a phone, where possible and appropriate, an SLT member will wand them**

Sanctions



Exceptions – 6th Form

- **6th Form students can only use their mobile phones in the 6th Form building.**
- **When in class, 6th Form students must no have their phones visible to the teacher, they should be in their bag and turned to silent.**



Changes to the Behaviour Policy

Changes have been made to the behaviour policy to include the new rules around mobile phones and the use of phone pouches.

We believe that all students will understand the need for this change and will support the school (and each other) by following the rules.

In Summary - If the rules are not followed then:

- **Detention** – if a student is caught using their phone it will be confiscated and only parents/carers can collect the phone. *If a parent/carer cannot collect the phone on the same day, the phone will be stored in a safe place in school until parents/carers can collect it.*
- If a student refuses to hand over their phone then the student will be suspended.
- ***Any medical condition that requires the use of a phone for constant monitoring purposes - students are to use a medical pouch.**

Roll-out Plan

Thursday 3rd September

First day in school for all students – In Tutor groups, all students to place phone in the pouch and clip button to seal as part of the stationery check.

Those students without a pouch will hand their phone in to their Tutor (during tutor time) who will then hand in at reception. Students can collect at the end of the school day.

Tutors to show the students the presentation detailing the new mobile phone/devices policy.