

Dear Parents and Carers,

At Anglian Learning, we want every child to feel that they belong, are valued, and can fully engage in school life. This sits at the heart of our Belonging by Design strategy and helps shape the decisions we make across our schools.

Following careful consideration, Anglian Learning has taken the decision that mobile phones should not be accessible to pupils during the school day.

This means that pupils will not be able to access their mobile phones during lessons, breaktimes, lunchtimes, or at any other point during the school day.

We recognise that many families choose to provide a mobile phone so that children can communicate before or after school. This decision does not prevent pupils from bringing a phone to school where appropriate. However, phones must be stored securely throughout the school day in line with each school's arrangements.

Schools across our Trust may implement this expectation in different ways. Some may use phone pouches, while others may use lockers or other secure storage systems. Regardless of the approach, the expectation is the same: pupils will not have access to mobile phones during the school day.

This decision is in line with current [government guidance](#). However, our primary reason for introducing this change is to support the wellbeing of our children and young people.

We know that constant access to mobile phones can affect concentration, increase distraction, and reduce opportunities for face-to-face interaction. Children learn best when they are fully engaged in their learning and connected to the people around them.

Belonging by Design is built on the principle that children are more likely to attend, achieve and enjoy school when they feel part of a community. We want breaktimes and lunchtimes to be opportunities for conversation, friendship, play and participation. We want classrooms to be places where pupils can focus on learning without the interruptions and pressures that mobile phones can sometimes bring.

This change forms part of our wider commitment to supporting positive mental health and creating school environments where children feel safe, connected and supported. You can find out more about our Mental Health education programme [here](#) created in conjunction with the Young People's Mental Health charity.

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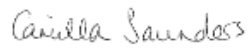
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Thank you for your continued support as we implement this important change around mobile phones.

Please note that individual schools will communicate their local arrangements directly with families. Any questions or concerns should be directed to your child's school.

Yours sincerely,



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