



17<sup>th</sup> November 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

I write to remind you of our school policy on Mobile Phones.

**Mobile phones are not permitted to be used, seen or heard, at any time during the school day.**

- Children are expected to put mobile phones away, switched off, **before** they enter the school gates.
- They are not permitted to use them until they **leave** the school site entirely.

Based on previous liaison with parents/ carers, we recognise the potential need for children to have a mobile phone to use on their journey to and from school should they need to contact an adult. This is why mobile phones are permitted in bags or blazers. They must however be switched off when in school and never seen, used or heard.

This policy has been in place now for some time.

If mobile phones are seen, used or heard, they will be confiscated. Children have been reminded of our expectations.

If the expectation is repeatedly not met, they will not be permitted to bring a mobile phone to school in any capacity.

Refusal of a mobile phone confiscation is an extremely serious behaviour concern, and will result in the immediate removal of permissions to bring a mobile phone onto school site.

### **Rationale**

Mobile phones are a distraction for our children. They take their attention away from learning. There is a great deal of research into the negative impact they have on our children's mental health, and your child's wellbeing is our top priority.

At Ellis Guilford School, our aim is to ensure the very best standard of education for our children. This expectation supports us in achieving this.

Thank you for your continued support.

Kindest regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Gemma' followed by a flourish and a period.

Gemma Johnson  
Principal