



BURLINGTON JUNIOR SCHOOL

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Dear Parents and Carers,

We are writing to inform you of an important change regarding the use of mobile phones within our Malden and Coombe Cluster of schools which also aligns with other Primary Schools in the borough.

Starting from September 2025, pupils will no longer be permitted to bring smartphones or smart watches/devices onto the school premises.

This decision has been made after extensive research and reflects our commitment to creating a learning environment that promotes positive social interactions, free from the distractions, and potential risks associated with smartphone and smart devices use, such as phone addiction.

We understand that many families may be considering purchasing smartphones for their children as gifts, however, in light of this upcoming change, we strongly recommend **refraining from buying a smartphone** and instead opting for a more basic mobile device, often referred to as a 'brick' or 'simple' phone. These devices will be allowed under the new policy. They enable essential communication but lack internet access, social media apps, and other features that can disrupt learning, and harm well-being. The benefits are already well-documented:

- Reduced exposure to online risks, such as cyberbullying and inappropriate, adult only content.
- Improved concentration and academic performance.
- Enhanced social skills and face-to-face interactions.

In order to support this move we are also asking parents and carers to not use their phones on the school site. Please pop your phone away each morning and greet your child with a smile, not a screen at the end of the day.

We appreciate that this change may require some adjustments for families. Our mobile phone policy, including details on implementation and guidelines for acceptable devices can be found [here](#).

Thank you for your understanding and support in helping us create a more focused and enriching school environment. If you have any questions or would like further information, please do not hesitate to contact the school office.

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Best Wishes

Malden and Coombe Cluster of Schools

Primary schools:

Burlington Junior School

Coombe Hill Junior School

Christ Church New Malden Primary School

Corpus Christi Primary School

Malden Parochial Primary School

Malden Manor Primary School

St Joseph's Primary School

Supported by the Infant Schools:

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