



# Aston Academy

## Specialising in Maths & Computing

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Dear Parent/Carer,

### Re: **Mobile phones and student use**

In September of this academic year, a new mobile phone use policy was launched across Aston Academy. Students were advised that mobile phones could be brought to school but that they had to remain switched off and in their bags during lesson time. They were also asked not to use them in the transfer between lessons. Students were given the option to use them at breaks and lunchtimes.

Initially students were following the policy and ensuring that mobile phones were not used during lessons/between lessons, therefore maximising their learning time. Unfortunately there have been a number of issues and incidents recently that have meant we have had to look at our current mobile phone use policy with a view to it changing in the future. We do depend on students using their mobile phones responsibly and following the guidance given. We will not tolerate disruption of learning due to the irresponsible use of mobile phones in school.

We would like your thoughts about your child/ren and whether or not you feel they should be able to bring a mobile phone in to school. A number of schools are now issuing a total ban and have a zero tolerance policy on the use of mobile phones, the wearing of ear phones and bringing them on to school site. We would like to gather the thoughts and feelings of all members of our school community prior to any policy amendments being made.

If you would like your thoughts considered, could you please email the following web address [feedback@astonacademy.org](mailto:feedback@astonacademy.org) by **Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> March at 3pm**. Alternatively, you can write in to school for the attention of **Student Services**. Please mark clearly on your letter/envelope that the subject content is 'mobile phones'.

If you have any further questions regarding the Aston Academy mobile phone use policy, please do not hesitate to contact us using the contact details at the top of this letter.

Thank you for your support in helping us to ensure the best learning environment and atmosphere possible for your child/ren.

Yours faithfully,

Mrs Lindsey Burgin  
Associate Vice Principal



**All adults in school have a responsibility to safeguard and promote the welfare of children.**