



ABBOT'S LEA SCHOOL

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Dear Families

Ref: Uniform and Mobile Phones

As we move forward with the school year, I would like to take a moment to remind you of the expectations regarding student uniforms and the use of mobile phones and electronic devices.

School uniform

All students at Abbot's Lea School must wear a school uniform.

Our School Uniform Policy is here and it sets clear expectations not just about the clothing and footwear, but also hair, nails, jewellery and other presentational and safety expectations:

Our uniform supplier is:

<https://www.abbotsleaschool.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2024/12/School-Uniform-Policy-2.pdf>

Orders can be made online or purchases made in the Southport branch of the store.

We also hold a free pre-loved uniform swap shop and you are both encouraged to donate good quality clean uniform items to us, as well as warmly welcome to take items in the right size for your child. Please contact our Office Team on reception@abbotsleaschool.co.uk or call 01514281162 if you would like to donate or re-home via this wonderful scheme.

We recognise that some students with complex needs struggle to learn how to accept expectations placed upon them and support may be needed to help them tolerate different to their usual clothing items. If this is the case, please contact your child's Assistant Headteacher (Mrs Cartwright for Primary Department, or Mr Mason for Secondary Department) and a plan of phasing in those expectations will be formally agreed to support full compliance over time.

Mobile and internet-connected devices

Our protocol for mobile phones and other internet-connected devices is as follows:

1. Students are not permitted to use any such devices brought from home at school.
2. Students are therefore encouraged to come to school without phones or other such devices
3. If families decide that their child will benefit from having such device with them on their journey to school, they must reiterate our school's expectation of surrendering these upon arrival
4. Staff will do their best to keep all such devices safe, whilst neither the staff nor the school accepting liability for any loss or damage
5. If a student refuses to hand over their electronics to the class team, staff will support them to do so for a period of up to 15 min

6. If after that, the situation is not resolved, the family will be called and expected to arrive on site without delay to collect the item and take it home with them.
7. If the student continues to refuse to hand over the item, the family will be asked to take the student home and the learning that day will be home-based/remote. The family will also be asked to ensure that the next morning the student arrives either without such technology or with full acceptance of the school rules and commitment to handing it to the class team.

I realise that for some it is very difficult as technology is now a major part of our lives, but I know you will agree that safeguarding of the children and young people must always come first.

I thank you in advance for ensuring that those basic expectations are supported and met.

Yours sincerely

Mrs A Hildrey

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "A Hildrey". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized initial 'A' and a long, sweeping tail that ends in a small hook.

Headteacher