

P-06-1482 Ban smartphones in all schools in Wales with exemptions for exceptional circumstances- Correspondence from Rob Davies of Pembrokeshire Council, 17 January 2025

Stats below from a survey of 52 staff and 212 pupils across 4 of our secondary schools:

- **Key findings from the staff survey:**

- 96% of staff reported improved pupil concentration during lessons.
- 94% observed fewer behavioural challenges in lessons.
- 63% noted fewer behavioural challenges during breaks, lunchtimes, and transitions between lessons.
- 88% believed the policy positively impacted the overall wellbeing of the school community.
- 33% felt that pupils' resilience had improved.
- 80% of staff reported feeling safer due to the policy.
- 92% observed positive reactions from parents regarding the policy change.
- 98% of staff agreed that the policy was a positive development overall.

- **Key findings from the pupil survey:**

- 48% of pupils felt that school was a better environment without phones.
- 64% reported talking to more peers during breaks and lunchtimes.
- 25% thought there was less bullying in school.
- 45% found it easier to concentrate in lessons.
- 65% expressed missing the use of phones for schoolwork.
- 30% reported feeling worried about not being able to check their phones.
- 50% said that their parents were pleased with the new policy.
- 40% felt that they learned better since the policy's implementation.