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How much, if any, spending has already been made on measures to enforce mobile phone free classrooms?

To date nothing has been spent on enforcing the decision that all schools will implement a mobile phone free policy.

How much, if any, spending has been allocated in the future on measures to enforce mobile phone free classrooms?

A budget of £400k has been agreed for measures to support the mobile phones in schools policy.

What communication, if any, the local authority has received from the Scottish Government regarding their own consideration of a national scheme to limit the use of mobile phones in school classrooms

Below are two extracts from a letter sent to Local Authority Directors of Education on 2 June 2026:

*We have committed to:*

- *Begin a consultation on phone-free classrooms legislation, and work with education authorities to update guidance to encourage a ban to take place from the start of the new school year in August;*

*And:*

*This week I have another parliamentary contribution, this time a statement focussed on phone-free schools and the refreshed guidance we promised to deliver in advance of the new school year. I visited James Gillespie's High School last week to inform my statement and heard first hand from school pupils and staff about the preparation and work to implement restrictions on phones in schools. As we work towards the introduction of legislation, I know that the advice and support that local authorities have and will provide is vital in ensuring that this can be implemented and delivered positively to support improved wellbeing and learning. I hope you will agree with the government and many teachers, parents and young people themselves that pupils should be free to learn without the disruption of personal mobile devices and that we, as a society, must do more to tackle the online harm associated with the ubiquity of smart phones.*

What consultation exercises have been done by the local authority with students, teachers, support staff, and parents regarding a ban on mobile phones in classrooms?

Edinburgh carried out a consultation in early 2025 with parents and carers, school staff and pupils regarding mobile phones in schools. Nearly 14,000 responses were received. In 2024, a shorter survey was sent to all Head Teachers. Focus Groups have been carried out with pupils and council officers attended locality meetings with parents and carers to hear about views on mobile phones in schools.