

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE MINISTER FOR EDUCATION AND LIFELONG LEARNING
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ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON MONDAY 18th NOVEMBER 2024**

Question

“Will the Minister advise what consultation, if any, has been undertaken with teachers and parents regarding the use of mobile phones by students in schools, and if none, will he consider undertaking such a consultation?”

Answer

As Minister, I have discussed mobile phone use policy with headteachers of Jersey schools in group meetings and when on school visits.

Mobile phone use in schools is a decision delegated to head teachers as they are best placed to know the individual context of their school and its students. No whole system survey has taken place, as it would be inappropriate considering the delegated decision making on this topic.

Some schools have run their own surveys, but we do not hold records of these centrally. Many schools limit or ban the use of mobile phones during the school day already. Some schools have made recent changes to their policies (Victoria College for example), and this indicates the reality that schools do continually review and adapt their policies in the best interests of all concerned and the context of their school.