



MOBILE PHONE AND DIGITAL DEVICES POLICY

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Purpose

We are committed to safeguarding children, promoting positive relationships, and supporting healthy digital habits. We recognise that some older pupils may travel to and from school independently and that parents may wish them to have a mobile phone for safety and communication purposes.

However, some devices —particularly smartphones and smart watches with internet access, cameras, apps and social media — present safeguarding, wellbeing and security risks. These include the potential for inappropriate photography or filming, unrestricted internet access, cyberbullying, and the loss or damage of valuable devices. We want to prepare our children for a positive digital future while ensuring that the rights, safety and wellbeing of all members of our school community are protected.

Permitted Devices

From September 2026, pupils are not permitted to bring smartphones or smart watches into school.

These include any device with internet access, downloadable apps and cameras (e.g. iPhones and Android phones).

Only pupils with permission to walk home independently may bring a mobile phone to school, and this must be a basic call-and-text-only mobile phone (“brick phone”). Devices with GPS tracking capability are permitted provided they do not have internet access, apps or smartphone functionality.

Children with diabetes are also permitted phones that connect to their medical apps. These phones should not be used for any other purpose.

Procedures

Any pupil bringing a permitted mobile phone to school must:

- Ensure the phone is clearly labelled with their name.
- Turn the phone off before entering the school site.
- Hand the phone to their class teacher at the start of the school day.
- Collect the phone from their class teacher at the end of the school day.

Mobile phones must remain switched off at all times while on school premises, including before and after school and during any school activities.

In the event of an emergency or if a message needs to be passed to a child during the school day, parents should contact the school office.

Responsibility for Devices

The school accepts no responsibility for the loss, theft or damage of any device brought onto the premises.

Parents are strongly discouraged from allowing valuable devices to be brought into school and are encouraged to ensure that any permitted phone is protected with a suitable case and screen protector.

Misuse of Devices

If a pupil is found using a devices on school premises during the school day:

- The device will be confiscated and stored securely in the school office.
- Parents/carers will be informed.
- A parent/carer will be required to collect the device from school. It will not be returned directly to the pupil.

If a pupil is found taking photographs or videos of others on school premises:

- Any images or videos must be deleted in the presence of a member of staff.
- The device will be confiscated.
- A parent/carer will be required to collect the phone from school. It will not be returned directly to the pupil.

Any inappropriate use of a device, including sending unkind or inappropriate messages, accessing inappropriate content, or behaviour that breaches the school's Behaviour Policy, will be treated as a serious matter and dealt with accordingly.

The school reserves the right to withdraw permission for any pupil to bring any mobile phone onto the school site if this policy is breached.