



Mobile Phone Policy

(Children)

Our Shared Vision

Striving for excellence in everything we do

High Quality
Education for
ALL

Effective
home/school
and community
partnerships

Equality Mission Statement

We are committed to ensuring equality of educational opportunity and support for all children, parents, carers, staff and visitors irrespective of age, sex, race, disability, religion or belief, sexual orientation, pregnancy, gender reassignment, and socio-economic background. We aim to provide a fully inclusive school in which every person feels proud of their identity and is able to participate fully within the school community. We believe that a diverse school community is a strength which should be respected and celebrated by all those who learn, teach and visit here.

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Signature (Chair of Governors): On file	Signature (Headteacher): On file

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This policy covers many of the articles from the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child. Some key ones are listed below.

Article 3

All organisations concerned with children should work towards what is best for each child.

Article 6

Children have the right to live a full life. Governments should ensure that children survive and develop healthily.

Article 12

Children have the right to say what they think should happen when adults are making decisions that affect them and to have their opinions considered.

Article 13 Freedom of expression

Children have the right to get and to share information as long as the information is not damaging to them or others.

Article 15 Freedom of association

Children have the right to meet together and to join groups and organisations, as long as this does not stop other people from enjoying their rights.

Information regarding the use of mobile phones for staff and adults can be found in the Staff Code of Conduct, as well as the Parent/Carer Code of Conduct.

We also have guidance set out in the Visitor Information leaflet.

Guidance about use of mobile phones on Educational trips can also be found in the Educational Trips policy and Parent/Helper guidance.

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1. Introduction and aim of this policy

- Ensure our environment is mobile phone-free by default
- Ensure the safe, responsible and lawful use of mobile phones, where applicable
- Provide clear guidelines for the use of mobile phones for children
- Support the school's other policies, especially those related to child protection and behaviour

This policy also aims to address some of the challenges posed by mobile phones in school, such as:

- Risks to child protection
- Data protection issues
- Risk of theft, loss or damage
- Appropriate use of technology for learning purposes

2. Relevant guidance

This policy meets the requirements of section 36 of the [Children's Wellbeing and Schools Act 2026](#), and the Department for Education (DfE)'s [mobile phone guidance](#) and [behaviour guidance](#). Further guidance that should be considered alongside this policy includes [Keeping Children Safe in Education](#), which sets out the expectation that all schools should be mobile phone-free environments by default.

3. Roles and responsibilities

All staff (including teachers, support staff and supply staff) are required to actively enforce this policy and challenge any breach of mobile phone restrictions immediately and consistently.

SLT are responsible for monitoring the policy and reviewing it every year, and holding staff and children accountable for its implementation.

Staff will address any questions or concerns from parents/carers quickly, and clearly communicate the reasons for prohibiting the use of mobile phones.

4. Use of mobile phones by children

Children will be taught the risks that are associated with the use of mobile phones as part of our online safety curriculum, to make sure they understand the decision to prohibit the use of mobile

phones throughout the school day. Children will be encouraged to see a mobile-phone free environment as desirable and valuable.

We recognise that some parents/carers consider a mobile phone for their children when they reach year 5 and 6 as an additional safety precaution when moving to and from school more independently. We therefore, have given the option of a non-smart phone for this purpose.

Children in year 5 and 6 will be allowed to bring **non-smart phones** to school in line with the following expectations:

1. Non-smart phones will only be allowed to be brought in to school by children who travel to and from school independently, and where parents have given written permission and agreed to all expectations.
2. Children are not allowed to access and use these phones on the school site.
3. Children must hand in non-smart phones to the class teacher during morning registration. Phones will be collected in a storage container and kept in the office during the school day and returned to children at 3.15 p.m.
4. Children found with phones during the school day will have them confiscated and parents will have to collect them from the school office.
5. The school **cannot accept any responsibility** for phones. We will do our best to keep them secure and to return them to the correct children.

5. Use of smartwatches by children

The DfE's statutory [mobile phones guidance](#) includes in the term 'mobile phones' all devices with communications and smart technology that the school chooses to include in its policy.

Smartwatches are wristwatches with smart technology in them.

No smart-watches will be allowed in school.

Children found with smart-watches during the school day will have them confiscated and parents will have to collect them from the school office.

6. Monitoring and review

The school is committed to making sure that this policy has a positive impact on children's education, behaviour and welfare. When reviewing the policy, the school will take into account:

- Feedback from parents/carers and children
- Records of behaviour and safeguarding incidents
- Relevant advice from the DfE, the local authority and any other relevant organisations

7. Appendix

Mobile Phone Agreement and Permission Form (Year 5 and 6 only)

Children in year 5 and 6 are allowed to bring phones to school in line with the following expectations:

1. Non-smart phones will only be allowed to be brought in to school by children who travel to and from school independently, and where parents have given written permission and agreed to all expectations.
2. Children are not allowed to access and use these phones on the school site.
3. Children must hand their phone to the class teacher during morning registration. Phones will be looked after in the office and returned to children at 3.15 p.m.
4. Children found with phones during the school day will have them confiscated and parents will have to collect them from the school office.
5. **No smartphones or smart watches** will be allowed to be brought in to school. Any that are brought in will be kept in the school office until collected by a parent/carer.
6. The school **cannot accept any responsibility** for phones. We will do our best to keep them secure and to return them to the correct children.

I give permission for my child to bring a non-smart mobile phone to school.

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I understand and agree to the expectations above with regard to mobile phones and accept that the school cannot be financially accountable for my child's mobile phone.

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I understand the expectations regarding the use of smart phones with internet connectivity in school.

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Please tick all three boxes as part of this agreement.

Child's Name: _____ Class: _____

Parent's Signature: _____ Date: _____

