



Pupil Mobile phone policy

St Catherine's C of E Primary School

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“I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full.” (John 10:10)

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MOBILE PHONE USE FOR PUPILS IN YEAR 5 & 6

RATIONALE

The policy on use of mobile phones is set out below:

You may wish to note that it is not regarded as realistic to have a policy which prohibits pupils from taking phones to school; it is believed that a number of parents would be concerned for health and safety reasons if their child were not allowed to carry a phone at all and might therefore be unable to contact their parents in respect of any situation which might arise on their journey to or from school.

St Catherine's Primary School recognises that parents of Year 5/6 children may wish their child to have a phone in case of an emergency whilst travelling to and from school unsupervised. However, mobiles can be used inappropriately and are potential targets for theft and bullying. One of the school's primary concerns is around the camera facility of most mobile phones, and also the function of 'tagging' and 'places', which could make children in school vulnerable.

The school does not encourage pupils to have mobile phones at school. If a parent wishes their child to have a mobile phone at school, they must read/sign and return the permission form overleaf and should discuss the contents of the form with their child.

If permission is granted the following rules apply:

- Mobile phones should not be used on school premises by pupils. Phones should be switched off and handed to the teacher at the beginning of the school day.
 - Pupils remain responsible for their own mobile phone and will bear the responsibility of any loss or damage whilst in their possession. School cannot be responsible for lost or damaged phones.
 - In the case of school trips or visits or other offsite activities, a mobile phone is not permitted.
 - Pupils who do not have permission or who break these rules will be required to hand their phone to a senior member of staff, and their parents will be asked to collect the phone at the end of the day from the school office.
 - If a member of staff has a suspicion that a mobile phone has unsuitable material on it, or is being used inappropriately, the pupil will be required to hand over the phone and the matter will be discussed with parents.
 - Absolutely no mobile phones will be allowed at school discos or other events in school
- We trust that you find this information useful and if you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact us.

LEADERSHIP TEAM

ST CATHERINE'S PRIMARY SCHOOL



St Catherine's Primary School
Mobile phone consent form

Name of pupil:..... Year/class.....

Please outline why your child needs to bring a mobile phone to school

Please read the following rules with your child, which have been drawn up to ensure the well-being and safety of all pupils and staff in school.

- Mobile phones should **never** be used on school premises by pupils. Phones should be switched off and handed to the class teacher at the beginning of the day.
- Pupils remain responsible for their own mobile phone and will bear the responsibility of any losses or damage whilst in their possession.
- In the case of school visits or other offsite activities pupils should not have their mobile phones.
- Pupils who do not have permission or break these rules will be required to hand their phone to a senior member of staff, and their parents will be asked to collect it from the office - persistent flouting of these rules will result in the privilege of bringing a mobile phone into school, being rescinded.
- If a member of staff has a suspicion that a mobile phone has unsuitable material stored on it, or is being used inappropriately, the pupil will be required to hand the phone to that member of staff, and parents will be invited in to discuss the matter.
- Mobile phones are brought in to school at the parent/child's own risk.

PLEASE SEND THIS COMPLETED FORM BACK TO THE SCHOOL OFFICE.

I have read the rules and agree to abide by their conditions.

Signed by parent/carer

Signed by child

Date