



PUPIL USE OF MOBILE PHONES

Mobile Phones

We recognise that mobile phones are part of everyday life for many children and that they can play an important role in helping pupils to feel safe and secure. However, we also recognise that they can prove a distraction in school and can provide a means of bullying or intimidating others. We ask you kindly to share our mobile phone policy and that your child adheres to the points set out below:

- Pupils are allowed to bring mobile phones into school if they are walking to or from school without parents (years 5/6)
- The phone must be handed in to the teacher and must be switched off until the end of the day once the children have left the school grounds.
- The phone is left at the owner's own risk and school is not responsible for loss or damage
- Phones should not be taken on school trips/visits
- Where mobile phones are used in or out of school to bully or intimidate others, then the head teacher or DSL does have the power to intervene 'to such an extent as it is reasonable to regulate the behaviour of pupils when they are off the school site.'
- If a pupil fails to hand in their phone and is found by a member of staff to be using it, the phone will be confiscated from the pupil and returned at the end of the day.
- If a pupil is found taking photographs or video footage with a mobile phone of either other pupils or teachers, this will be regarded as a serious offence. Pupils will be asked to delete the image/footage and this will be recorded on CPOMs and parents informed.
- Should a pupil be found to be using their phone inappropriately, the school reserves the right to withdraw this privilege and they will no longer be able to bring a phone into school.
- Should parents need to contact pupils, or vice versa, this should be done following the usual school procedures: via the school office. (tel no. 4881941)
- eSafety (including safe and appropriate use of mobile phones) will be taught as part of our computing and PSHE curriculum.
- Please talk to your child about the appropriate use of text messages, social media and Whatsapp as they can often be used inappropriately by pupils.

This policy supports the school's Health and Safety, Anti-bullying, Child Protection and Internet Acceptable Use policies.

Pupil and Parent Agreement:

I have read, understood and shared this policy with my child.

Signed Pupil: _____

Signed Parent: _____

Date _____