



Mobile Phone/Smart Devices Policy

Introductory Statement:

This policy was drawn up in response to technological advances.

Rationale:

Mobile phones and smart devices etc. may be intrusive and distracting in a school environment. Some electronic devices may be harmful due to frequent use.

Mobile phone usage may lead to bullying.

Relationship to School Ethos:

The use of mobile phones and other electronic devices/games contravenes the provision of a safe and secure learning environment.

Internal School Procedures:

- Children are not allowed to use personal mobile phones or smart devices that have the capability of recording or taking pictures/videos/calls/messages etc. during school hours.
- Children should not bring mobile phones/smart devices to school except in special circumstances.
- Where a child must bring a phone/smart device to school, parents must notify the school in writing.
- If pupils take mobile phones/devices into school, they do so at their own risk.
- Phones/devices brought to school must be clearly labelled with the child's name and class. These phones/devices must be handed to the class teacher each morning before class begins for safe keeping. Phones/devices must be switched off at all times. They will be returned at home time.
- Any pupil found with a mobile/smart device during the school day will have it confiscated for a period of one month. Parents will be contacted and the device will be stored in the office during this time.
- This sanction will be extended for repeated offences.

Roles and Responsibilities:

All staff share in the co-ordination and implementation of this policy.

Evaluation:

This policy will be monitored on an ongoing basis.