



# Mobile and Smart Technology Policy

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## Children and mobile phones in school

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. Therefore:

- Pupils are not permitted to have mobile phones at school or on trips
- If in the event of a parent wishing for their child /ren to bring a mobile phone to school in order to contact the parent after school: the parent must complete the attached form.
- This cannot be a smart phone, as we are a 'smart phone free school'. The only phones permitted in school are what are known as a 'dumb phone'. These do not have access to the internet, apps or social media, but instead are only able to make calls and send/receive text messages.
- The phone must be switched off, and placed in your child's year group plastic boxes in the hall first thing in the morning. The boxes will then be brought to your child classroom, where they will remain for the duration of the day. They can then be collected from the class teacher by the child at home time (the phone is left at the owner's own risk).
- Mobile phones brought to school without permission will be confiscated and then parent / carers will be informed.
- On collection, pupils are not permitted to use or operate the phones until off the school premises. Where mobile phones are used in or out of school to bully or intimidate others, then the head teacher 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' – please see the Positive Behaviour Policy.

## Applications will only be considered for parents whose child is in Years 5 & 6.

The following conditions will apply:

- The phone must not be a smart phone.
- The phone must be clearly labelled with the child's name and class.
- The phone should be handed in to your child's Y5 / Y6 class teacher at the beginning of the day and collected from them again at the end of the day.

We would also urge you to insist that your child does not use the phone for anything other than emergency reasons on the way to and from school.

Thank you in advance for your support.



## APPLICATION FOR STORAGE OF A MOBILE PHONE IN SCHOOL

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Class: \_\_\_\_\_

I am writing to request that my child be allowed to store his/her phone in the school during the day.

I accept and understand the following conditions:

- The phone is not a smart phone.
- The phone must be clearly labelled with the child's name and class.
- If in the rare event of a parent wishing for their child /ren to bring a mobile phone to school to contact the parent after school, the phone should be placed in your child's year group plastic box in the hall first thing in the morning. The boxes will then be brought to your child classroom, where they will remain for the duration of the day. They can then be collected from the class teacher by the child at home time.
- The phone is left at the owner's own risk.
- Pupils are not permitted to use or operate the phones until off the school premises. Where mobile phones are used in or out of school to bully or intimidate others, then the head teacher 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'.
- The phone should be collected from the class teacher at the end of the school day.

Name of parent/carer: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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### Class Teacher Response

I grant permission for the mobile phone to be stored in school.

I am unable to grant permission because: