

Pupil Mobile Phone and Smart Watch Policy

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School Vision, Values and Aims

Our school vision, values and aims are rooted in the Church of England's Vision for Education; *Deeply Christian, Serving the Common Good* and the biblical teaching of;

“Love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind and with all your strength; and love your neighbour as yourself” (Mark 12.30,31).

Vision

Open Hearts, Open Minds, Open Doors

Values

Respect	Luke 10:25-37	The Good Samaritan
Responsibility	Luke 15:11-32	The Prodigal Son
Compassion	Luke 19, 1-10	Zacchaeus the tax collector
Perseverance	Luke 5:17-26	A man is helped by friends to see Jesus

Aims

Our principle aim - For all to know that they are welcome

To show kindness and forgiveness

To listen to one another

To seek enjoyment in our work

To show patience with one another

To show love towards one another

To show courage in our work

To keep the children at the heart of our decisions

To embrace innovation and change

To trust one another

To inspire one another

To celebrate the dignity and worth of each individual

To begin each new day positively

To reach out to one another

To have confidence

To encourage one another

To support and challenge one another

To believe in one another

1. Purpose of this Policy

This policy sets out the school's expectations regarding mobile phones and smart watches. Its purpose is to ensure:

- the safety and wellbeing of all pupils
- a distraction-free learning environment
- the protection of pupil and staff privacy
- consistency and clarity for staff, parents and children

Mobile phones and smart watches in school, present potential risks to pupils, especially in relation to safeguarding and a distraction from learning.

For these reasons, the school adopts a strict no-phone, no-smart-watch approach.

2. Whole-School Message

Pupils must not bring a mobile phone or any smart watch into school which is capable of:

- accessing the internet
- making or receiving calls
- sending or receiving messages
- taking photographs or recording

These devices are not permitted on school premises or on any school-led trip or activity.

The school will always contact parents directly if:

- there is an emergency
- a club is cancelled
- a child is unwell
- a child has not been collected
- any situation arises where communication is required

Therefore, pupils do not need mobile phones or smart watches in school.

3. Exceptional Circumstances

We recognise that in exceptional cases, a parent may wish a child to bring a basic or fully switched-off mobile phone to school (e.g., long unsupervised walks to or from school).

If this applies, parents must:

- submit a written request to the class teacher outlining the reason
- ensure the phone is switched off before entering school grounds.
- ensure the phone is handed directly to the class teacher on arrival.

The phone will be stored securely in the classroom and returned to the child at the end of the day.

Failure to follow these rules will result in the permission being withdrawn.

Smart watches will not be permitted under any circumstances.

4. If a Phone or Smart Watch Is Brought into School Without Permission

If a pupil brings a prohibited device into school:

- a member of staff will ask the pupil to hand them the device
- the member of staff will switch off the device
- it will be stored safely until the end of the day
- the parent will receive a reminder of the policy

Repeated breaches will be dealt with in line with our Behaviour Policy.

5. Loss, Damage, or Theft

The school accepts no responsibility for the loss, damage, or theft of any mobile phone or smart watch brought onto school premises, including those allowed under exceptional circumstances.

6. Communicating the Policy

This policy will be:

- shared with all staff, parents and pupils
- referenced in the school's behaviour and safeguarding information
- reviewed annually

7. Summary

- The school adopts a strict no-phone, no-smart-watch approach.
- A breach of the school policy will result in communication with a pupil's parents and a reminder of the school's expectations.
- Repeated breaches of the policy will be dealt with in line with the school's Behaviour Policy.
- A strictly controlled exceptional circumstances procedure is available for mobile phones only.
- The school accepts no liability for personal devices.