



Mobile phones and other smart devices

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These measures help ensure children are not accessing inappropriate or unsafe material, minimise distractions, reduce anxiety and keep pupils fully engaged in school life.

The school rules are:

1. Smartwatches, smart glasses and other wearable devices capable of messaging, photography, internet access or communication must not be brought to school.
2. We recommend that primary school age pupils **do not** have a smart phone:
 - read [What effects do mobile phones have on children and young peoples' mental health](#), NHS Compass Changing Lives
 - think about [Smartphone Free Childhood](#). Join London, North West parent pact.
3. Next best, the school prefers mobile phones to be left at home on school days.
4. If parents insist that their child needs a mobile phone for communication before and/or after school, pupils may bring a simple 'brick' style mobile phone to school with phone and text messaging functions only.
 - If knowing location of a child is important, a GPS tracking device, eg AirTag, may be attached to a child's bag.
5. Any mobile phone or smart device in school must be:
 - stored in the child's own bag or locker.
 - **never seen or heard while on the school site. The use of mobile phones or smart devices by pupils while on the school site is banned.**
6. Any mobile phone or smart device seen or heard on the school site will be:
 - confiscated and returned to a parent at the end of the following school day.
 - repeated breaches (on the second or more occurrence) may result in extended confiscation periods and additional behaviour sanctions.

Any member of school staff may confiscate a mobile phone or smart device in accordance with the school's behaviour procedures.

7. There is no need for communication by mobile phone or smart device between parents and pupils during the school day. The school office and class teachers will manage any urgent messages between a child and their parents.
8. Mobile phones or smart devices are brought to school entirely at the owner's risk. The school will not normally accept liability for loss, theft or damage unless required by law.

To avoid any doubts, in the unlikely event that a mobile phone or smart device is brought to school:

1. **Turned off** the moment a pupil enters the school gates.
2. **Must not be used or visible** before the start of the school day, or after the end of the school day (including any childcare or club), while entering or exiting the school site.
3. Once in school, must remain **switched off and stored** in own bag and/or locker for the entire school day (including any childcare or club).
4. **May only be switched on again after school**, once a pupil has exited the school site.

The school will consider reasonable adjustments where required under the Equality Act 2010, including for pupils with disabilities, medical needs or other exceptional circumstances.

This policy should be read alongside the school's Behaviour Policy, Safeguarding and Child Protection Policy, online safety and procedures relating to searching and confiscation.