



St Peter's Catholic Primary

Mobile Phone Policy

OVERVIEW

There is normally no need for pupils to have a mobile phone on school premises but we accept that there may be exceptional circumstances where parents see a need for their child to carry a mobile phone on their journey to and from school. In these exceptional circumstances parents apply for permission for their child to bring a mobile phone onto school premises. Where this permission is given the pupil must comply with the requirements of this policy. Unless permission is granted mobile phones must not be brought onto school premises by pupils. This policy includes the use of mobile phones in the Early Years Foundation Stage.

Intent

1. To clarify the school position in relation to mobile phones.
2. To keep children safe.
3. To guard the privacy of pupils and staff especially when mobile phones have the capacity to take photographs and record video.
4. To ensure that photographs & video recordings on mobile phones, cameras, I-Pads or similar devices are not taken of staff and pupils without the headteacher's permission
5. To ensure that on school premises pupils have only safe access to the internet.
6. To ensure that education is free from interruption and disruption caused by mobile phones.
7. To adhere to statutory requirements for the use of mobile phones & cameras in Early Years Foundation Stage.

Implementation

1. Pupils will not be allowed to have mobile phones on school premises or to take them on visits or other school-initiated activities unless their parents have been granted permission by the headteacher,
2. Parents must apply to the headteacher for permission for mobile phones to be brought onto school premises.
3. Parents must sign a written agreement saying that they will abide strictly to this policy and they must ensure that the phone has parental controls to limit its access to websites that are unsuitable for children.
4. Mobile phones brought onto school premises or on activities or visits by pupils without permission will be confiscated and parents will be required to visit the school to have the phone returned to them in person.
5. Pupils, parents or other adults must not take pictures or make video recordings with mobile phones or with any other cameras or devices on the school premises or on trips without the headteacher's permission.
6. Pupils who have been given exceptional permission to bring a mobile phone to school must switch it off and hand it in to the class teacher on arrival and seek its return at the end of the school day.
7. If any parent needs to contact their child during the school day it must be done through the school telephone system.
8. Where permission has been given for a mobile phone to be brought onto school premises the phone must be labelled clearly with the pupil's name
9. Whilst on school premises or school visits, pupils may only use the internet via the school computer system. Mobile phones must never be used by pupils on school premises to connect to the internet.
10. All staff must not use personal mobile phones or cameras for school activities, unless on a school trip, where a phone is needed for safeguarding purposes & to be able to communicate with school.
11. All staff phones store their personal mobile phones securely out of sight & hearing of children, unless they are being used for safeguarding or emergency purposes.

Impact

This policy will ensure that parents and the school work in harmony to ensure the safety and privacy of pupils and staff. It will also ensure that the teaching, learning and education of pupils is not interrupted by mobile telephones.

Adopted by the Governing Body June, 2021

Review date: May, 2023

Katherine Ryan, Headteacher

Mobile Phone Policy - Permission Agreement:

Parent / Guardian

I have read and understand the Mobile Phone Policy of St. Peter's Catholic Primary School.

I agree to abide by the conditions set out in the school policy

I understand that my child must not use the telephone on school premises.

My child will switch the phone off and hand it into their class teacher as soon as s/he arrives in school.

I will not hold the school responsible for loss or damage to the phone whilst it is on school premises.

I will ensure that there are appropriate parental controls on the telephone that restrict it from access to unsuitable and inappropriate websites and I will check the phone before it leaves home to see that it has only been used appropriately and contains no unsuitable or illegal content in its memory.

I will label my child's phone clearly with their name.

Parent Name (print) _____

Parent Signature: _____

Date: _____

Pupil's Name (print) _____

Pupil's Mobile Phone Number _____

Date: _____