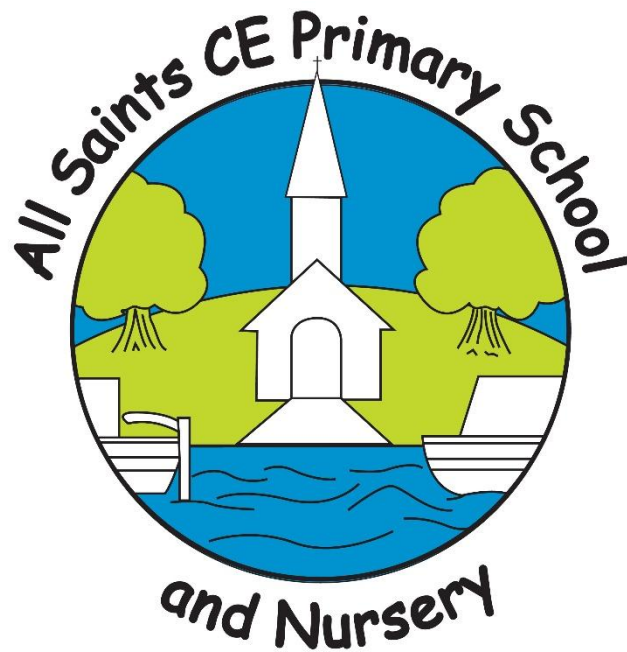


Pupil Mobile Phone Use Policy



***'Learning for life,
building a firm foundation'***

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Headteacher: Mrs Harrison

School Ethos

Our All Saints family nurtures a culture of Christian love and respect for each other and the world around us. Through togetherness, patience and compassion is encouraged. By providing creative experiences and challenge for all learners, children grow in resilience, learn to persevere, and develop belief in themselves and build hopes and dreams for their future.

Aims of our Personal Mobile Phone Use for Pupils

All Saints CE School is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and the welfare and well-being of our pupils is paramount. The aim of the Mobile Phone Policy is to allow users to benefit from modern communication technologies, whilst promoting safe and appropriate practice through establishing clear and robust acceptable mobile user guidelines. This is achieved through balancing protection against potential misuse with the recognition that mobile phones are effective communication tools. It is recognised that it is the enhanced functions of many mobile phones that cause the most concern, offering distractions and disruption to the school day, and which are most susceptible to misuse - including the taking and distribution of indecent images, exploitation and bullying. However, as it is difficult to detect specific usage, this policy refers to ALL mobile communication devices.

Responsibility

All staff (including teachers, support staff, and supply staff) are responsible for enforcing this policy.

Volunteers, or anyone else otherwise engaged by the school, must alert a member of staff if they witness, or are aware of, a breach of this policy.

The headteacher or a member of staff designated in the headteacher's absence is responsible for monitoring the policy every year, reviewing it, and holding staff and pupils accountable for its implementation.

This policy applies to all individuals who have access to personal mobile phones on site. This includes staff, governors, volunteers, committee members, children, young people, parents, carers, visitors, and contractors. This list is not exhaustive.

This policy should also be read in relation to the following documentation:

Child Protection and Safeguarding Policy

Child Protection executive Statement

Keeping Children Safe

Behaviour Policy

Written Statement of Behaviour Policies

Anti-Bullying Policy

Acceptable Use Policy

Health and Safety policy

E-safety Policy

Expected behaviour of parents on school site

Personal Mobiles - Pupils

We also 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- pupils or staff. This is not acceptable and will be dealt with in line with the appropriate school policies.

Therefore:

- Year 5 or 6 pupils are allowed to bring mobile phones into school if they are walking to or from school without parents, but parents must sign a consent form (available at the beginning of the academic year or from the office) and agree to the conditions for bringing a mobile phone into school.

This consent form will then cover the pupil bringing a mobile phone to the school office on all further occasions. This will apply to year 5 and or year 6 pupils only. The phone must be switched off before they come through the school gates and must not be used on school premises by pupils. Any child who uses their phone on school premises will be banned from bringing their mobile phone into school for a fixed period agreed with the head teacher. The mobile phone will be confiscated, and a parent will have to collect the phone from the class teacher or office. Repeated breaches of this policy will result in the child form being permanently being banned from bringing a mobile phone into school.

- The phone **must be handed in to the class teacher, on arrival at school**, and must be switched off. Pupils must not have the mobile phone on their person, bag or coat.

The mobile phone will then be locked away for the school day and returned to the pupil at the end of the day.

- If a pupil forgets to hand their mobile phone into the classroom, then they must take it to classroom as soon as they remember, or the presence of a mobile phone is identified by a member of staff. If the pupil repeatedly forgets to hand their mobile phone into the office the pupil will lose the privilege of bringing their mobile phone onto the school premises.
- The phone is left at the owner's own risk and **school is not responsible for loss or damage.**
- Phones must not be taken on school trips/visits.

In accordance with DfE guidance searching, screening and confiscation school staff can search a pupil for any item if the pupil agrees.

The headteacher and any member of staff authorised by the headteacher also has a statutory power to search pupils or their possessions, without consent, where they have reasonable grounds for suspecting that the pupil may have one or more of the following prohibited items in their possession: knives or weapons; alcohol; illegal drugs; stolen items; tobacco and cigarette papers; fireworks; pornographic images; indecent images of children; any article that a member of staff reasonably suspects has been, or is likely to be, used to commit an offence or to cause personal injury to or damage to the property of any person (including the pupil). The safeguarding of all children is paramount to the school.

Where mobile phones are used in or out of school to bully or intimidate others, then the head teacher or DSL 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.

Sharing this policy with others

The mobile phone policy will be shared with staff and parents and will be available to parents via the school website (or printed as required).

YEAR 5/6 PERMISSION TO BRING A MOBILE PHONE TO SCHOOL

Pupils are allowed to bring mobile phones into school if they are walking to or from school without parents, but parents must sign a consent form. This will then cover the pupil bringing a mobile phone to the school on all further occasions. It must be handed in to the class teacher who will keep it in a secure location. Mobile phones are brought to school at the owner's risk. If a child has the mobile phone on their person, bag or coat during the school day the mobile phone will be confiscated and a parent will have to collect the phone. The child will be banned from bringing a mobile phone into school for a fixed period of time decided by the headteacher.

Child's name: _____

Class: _____

I give permission for my child to bring a mobile phone to school and agree to the mobile being confiscated if my child does not follow the agreed conditions for handing the phone into the class teacher.

Signed: _____ (Parent or person with parental responsibility)

Date: _____