



Mobile Phone Policy

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Groups involved in discussion	Governing Body Headteacher Senior Leadership All Staff Children Parents
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Use of Mobile Phones –Pupils

We are aware that mobile phones are part of everyday life for many and that they can play a vital role in helping pupils to feel safe and secure, especially when Y5 and Y6 children walk to and from school without an adult.

However, we also recognise that they can prove a distraction in school and could also be potentially misused.

1. While we fully acknowledge a parent's right to allow their child to bring a mobile phone to school if they walk to and from school without adult supervision, St. Wilfrid's Catholic Primary School discourages pupils from bringing mobile phones to school due to the potential issues of:

- i) Loss or damage
- ii) Potential inappropriate use e.g. used to intimidate or harass other pupils by text or other facilities such as camera or recording.

2. When a child needs to bring a phone into school, a permission slip must be signed by their parent and the mobile phone must be switched off and left in the school office at the start of the day. It can be collected at the end of the day. Phones should be clearly marked so that each pupil knows their own phone. Parents are advised that St. Wilfrid's School accepts no liability for the loss or damage to mobile phones which are brought into the school or school grounds.

3. Where a pupil is found by a member of staff to be using a mobile phone, the phone will be confiscated from the pupil, handed to a member of the school office team who will record the name of the pupil and attach to the phone. The mobile phone will be stored by the School Office. The pupil's parents can only then collect the phone.

4. If a pupil is found taking photographs or video footage with a mobile phone of either other pupils or teachers, this will be regarded as a serious offence and disciplinary action will be taken according to the school's Behaviour Policy.

5. Should a pupil be found to be using their phone inappropriately, the school reserves the right to withdraw this privilege and they will no longer be able to bring a phone into school.

6. Please talk to your child about the appropriate use of text messages as they can often be used inappropriately.

7. Should parents need to contact pupils, or vice versa, this should be done following the usual school procedures: via the school office. (Tel no. 01942 707101) The same applies to pupils during school hours. This policy supports the

school's Health and Safety, Anti-bullying, Child Protection and Internet Acceptable Use policies. It has been endorsed by the Board of Governors.

Governors have the responsibility of drawing up a policy after consultation with the Headteacher and staff.

Parents

We believe that parents have the responsibility to support their children and the school in implementing school policies. We would therefore like parents to:

- Ensure that their child has the best attendance record possible;
- Ensure that their child is equipped for school with the correct uniform and PE kit;
- Do their best to keep their child healthy and fit to attend school;
- Inform school if there are matters outside of school that are likely to affect a child's performance or behaviour
- Promote a positive attitude towards school and learning in general;

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Signed: *Mrs O'Brien* Headteacher

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