

At Broughton Primary Academy, we do not expect children to bring mobile phones to school. However, we understand that some families may feel more comfortable if their child has a phone when walking to and from school without an adult.

Parents who wish their child to bring a mobile phone to school should confirm this with the school office.

The child must understand and follow this policy each time the phone is brought onto the school site.

If you choose for your child to bring a mobile phone to school for this reason, then the following rules must be followed to help keep everyone safe and focused on learning:

- Phones must be switched off before entering the school gates and should remain off until your child has left the school premises.
- On arrival at school, phones should be handed to the main office at the start of the day and stored in the agreed storage container.
- At the end of the school day, phones can be collected from the main office. Any phones belonging to children at After-School Club will be given to staff to return at the end of the child's session.
- Phones are brought into school at the owner's risk. Unfortunately, the school cannot accept responsibility for any loss or damage, and phones are not covered by the school's insurance policy.
- Mobile phones are not allowed on school trips or visits.
- Other devices that can record, message, or connect to the internet (such as smartwatches) are not permitted.
- If needed, staff may check whether pupils have brought phones into school without permission and whether the agreed rules are being followed.
- If a phone is misused, it will be confiscated and permission to bring a phone to school may be withdrawn. In these cases, a parent will be asked to collect the phone from school.

If a parent needs to pass an urgent message to their child during the school day, they should contact the school office rather than contacting the child directly on a mobile phone.

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