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Euxton Primrose Hill Primary School

Mobile Phone Policy



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Purpose

At Euxton Primrose Hill Primary School, we are committed to providing a safe, calm and focused learning environment. Mobile phones can distract from learning and may present safeguarding, privacy and wellbeing risks. This policy sets out our expectations for the bringing and use of mobile phones by pupils.

Bringing Mobile Phones to School

We recognise that some pupils may need to bring a mobile phone to school, for example if they walk to and from school independently or attend before or after school activities.

Parents are asked to consider whether their child needs to bring a mobile phone to school. Where a phone is brought onto the school site, the following arrangements apply.

School Procedures

- Pupils must switch their mobile phone off before handing it to their class teacher.
- On arrival at school, pupils must hand their phone to their class teacher.
- Phones will be stored securely by the school throughout the school day.
- Phones will be returned to pupils at the end of the school day.
- Pupils must not access or use their mobile phone at any time during the school day, including before lessons, during lessons, breaktimes or lunchtimes.

Smartwatches

Smartwatches with the ability to make calls, send messages, take photographs, record audio or access the internet are treated in the same way as mobile phones and must be handed in on arrival.

Smartwatches that can send or receive calls, messages or notifications, access the internet, or record audio or video are treated in the same way as mobile phones and must be handed in on arrival.

Watches that do not have these communication or recording functions may be worn.

Loss or Damage

Whilst every reasonable care will be taken, the school cannot accept responsibility for the loss, theft or damage of mobile phones brought onto the school site. Pupils bring phones at their own risk.

Failure to Follow the Policy

If a pupil does not hand in their phone, accesses it during the school day or uses it without permission:

- the phone will be confiscated and stored securely;
- parents/carers may be contacted;
- an appropriate sanction or consequence will be applied in line with the school's Behaviour Policy.;
- repeated incidents may result in the school asking that the pupil no longer brings a mobile phone to school.

Where mobile phone misuse raises a safeguarding concern, the school will follow its Child Protection and Safeguarding Policy.

Exceptions

Exceptions may be made where there is:

- an identified medical need;
- a safeguarding requirement;
- an identified SEND need requiring an adaptation or reasonable adjustment;
- another exceptional circumstance agreed in advance by the Headteacher.

Roles and Responsibilities

Parents and carers will:

- consider whether their child needs to bring a mobile phone to school;
- ensure their child understands and follows this policy.

Pupils will:

- hand their phone to their class teacher on arrival;
- not attempt to access their phone during the school day.

Staff will:

- collect and securely store pupils' phones;
- apply this policy consistently and fairly.

Monitoring and Review

This policy will be reviewed annually or sooner if statutory guidance changes.