

**St Aidan's Catholic Primary School**  
"Living and growing in Christ"

# Mobile Phone (Pupils) Policy



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### 1. Aims

Our school aims to meet its statutory obligations when responding to complaints from parents of pupils at the school, and others.

### 2. Legislation

This policy is informed by the Department for Education's guidance: [Mobile Phones in School](#), February 2024.

### 3. Broad Approach

Our strong preference is that all pupils do not bring mobile phones on the school premises.

### 4. Tailored Approach

Where a parent feels that it is essential that their child carries a mobile phone a written request must be submitted to and accepted by the school prior to the following arrangements being put in place.

Our strong preference is that, where deemed essential by parents, such mobile phones are appropriate for primary aged children- that is to say without internet access or a camera (not a smartphone).

### 5. Loss, Theft or Damage

Pupils bringing phones to school must ensure that these are clearly labelled with their name and handed into one of the school's defined members of staff. The school accepts no responsibility for mobile phones that are lost, damaged or stolen on school premises or while pupils are travelling to and from school. Confiscated phones will be stored in the

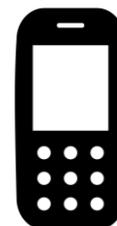
senior leadership office in a locked cupboard. Confiscated phones will be returned to the parent of the pupil.

## **6. Reasonable Adjustments**

Schools have a duty under the Equality Act 2010 to take such steps as is reasonable to avoid substantial disadvantage to a disabled pupil caused by the school's policies or practices. Maintained schools and academies have a duty under the Children and Families Act 2014 to have arrangements in place to support pupils with medical conditions. The school will consider its responsibilities in relation to the application of this policy in practice.

## Appendix 1: Mobile Phone Permission Request

Our strong preference is that all pupils do not bring mobile phones to school.



Pupil Name:	
Year Group:	

Where a parent feels that it is essential that their child carries a mobile phone this permission request must be completed, submitted and accepted by the school prior to the following arrangements being put in place. **In such circumstances our strong preference is that, where deemed essential by parents, such mobile phones are appropriate for primary aged children- that is to say without internet access or a camera (not a smartphone).**

Reason for request:
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Pupils must:

- Ensure phones are switched off upon arrival at the school premises.
- Ensure phones are handed in to defined members of school staff upon arrival.
- Store phones discreetly when travelling to and from school by themselves.

Parents will:

- Ensure phones are clearly labelled with their child's name.
- Actively monitor the use of the child's mobile phone.

The school:

- Accepts no responsibility for mobile phones that are lost, damaged or stolen on school premises or while pupils are travelling to and from school.
- Reserves the right to cancel any individual pupil's permission or to adapt this policy at any point.

Parent Signature:	
Parent Name:	
Date:	

Staff Signature:	
Staff Name:	
Date:	