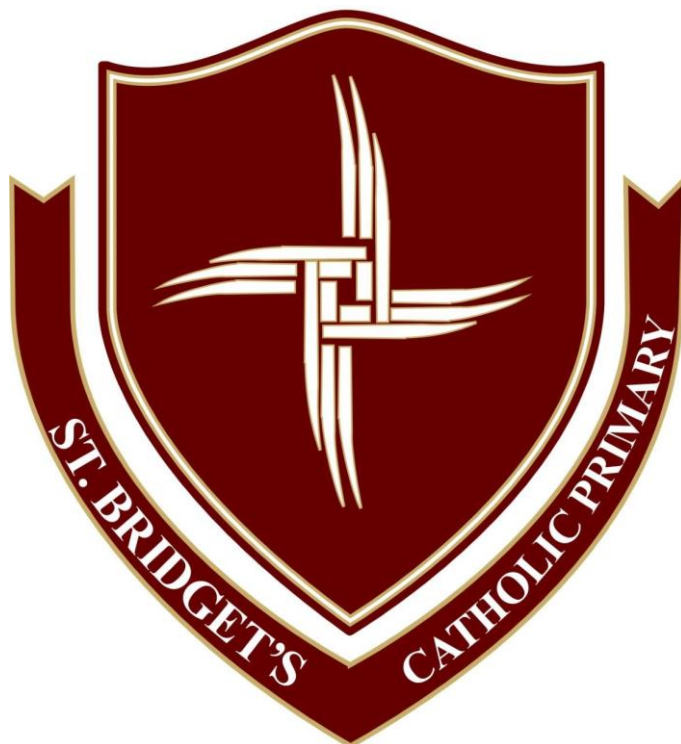


# St. Bridget's Catholic Primary School



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## **1. Policy Statement**

This school operates a strict no mobile phone policy for all pupils. Mobile phones and similar personal electronic devices are not permitted on the school site under any circumstances.

**This is a non-negotiable safeguarding measure designed to protect pupils, staff, and the wider school community.**

## **2. Scope**

This policy applies to all pupils from Nursery to Year 6:

- On the school premises at any time
- During wraparound provision (e.g. breakfast/after-school clubs)
- On school trips, visits, and residential

## **3. Definition of Prohibited Devices**

The following items are not allowed in school:

- Mobile phones or smartphones
- Smartwatches with communication, camera, or internet capability
- Tablets or any personal internet-enabled devices
- Any device capable of recording images, video, or audio

## **4. Rationale (Safeguarding and Wellbeing)**

This policy is underpinned by the school's statutory safeguarding duties and commitment to providing a safe, focused learning environment.

Mobile phones present significant risks, including:

- Unauthorised photography or recording of pupils and staff
- Sharing of images or content without consent
- Access to inappropriate or harmful online material
- Increased risk of bullying, including online or peer-to-peer abuse
- Distraction from learning and reduced social interaction

The school has a duty to eliminate avoidable risks wherever possible. A complete prohibition is the most effective and proportionate way to achieve this.

## **5. No Exceptions**

- No pupil is permitted to bring a mobile phone or prohibited device onto the school site.
- This applies regardless of travel arrangements, parental preference, or convenience.

Parents/carers must make alternative arrangements for communication with their child before and after school.

Where pupils need to contact parents/carers during the school day, this will be facilitated through the school office.

## **6. Breach of Policy**

If a pupil is found to have brought a prohibited device onto the school site:

- The device will be immediately confiscated
- It will be stored securely in the school office
- Parents/carers will be contacted and required to collect the device in person
- The incident will be recorded in line with the school's behaviour procedures

Repeated breaches will result in escalating sanctions, which may include:

- Formal meetings with parents/carers
- Behaviour monitoring
- Further action in line with the school's behaviour policy

## **7. Safeguarding Response**

Any misuse of a device (e.g. taking photographs, accessing or sharing inappropriate content, or contacting others) will be treated as a safeguarding concern and managed in accordance with the school's safeguarding and child protection procedures.

## **8. Equality and Reasonable Adjustments**

The school will comply with its duties under the Equality Act 2010.

Where a pupil has an identified and evidenced additional need, the school will consider appropriate support. However:

- A personal mobile phone will not be considered a default or automatic adjustment
- Alternative arrangements will be explored that do not compromise safeguarding

### **9. Responsibility of Parents/Carers**

Parents/carers are responsible for ensuring that pupils do not bring prohibited devices into school.

The school accepts no responsibility for loss, theft, or damage to any device brought onto the premises in breach of this policy.

### **10. Monitoring and Review**

This policy will be reviewed annually by the headteacher and governing body to ensure it remains effective, proportionate, and aligned with safeguarding guidance.

### **11. Communication**

This policy will be:

- Published on the school website
- Shared with parents/carers on admission
- Reinforced regularly with pupils

**Approved by:** The Governing Body

**Date:** September 2025

**Review Date:** September 2026