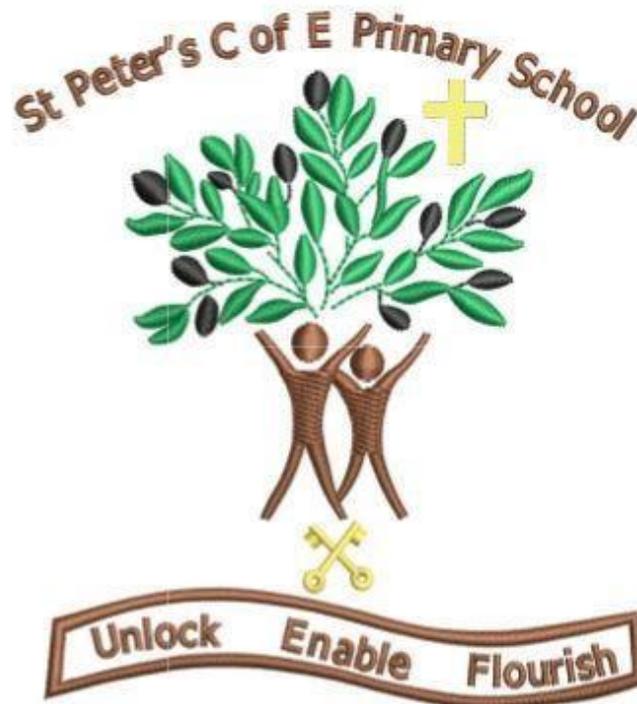


Unlocking the Potential for Everyone to Flourish in the love of Christ.

'But I am like an olive tree flourishing in the house of God.' Psalm 52:8



Policy for Mobile Phones in School

March 2026

St Peter's CE Primary School

Mobile Phones in School Policy

1. Purpose of the Policy

At St Peter's CE Primary School, we recognise the importance of safeguarding and maintaining a safe, inclusive, and focused learning environment for all children. This policy sets out clear guidance on the use of mobile phones by pupils, staff, parents, and visitors on school premises, in line with the latest UK government legislation and best practises for primary schools.

The policy aims to:

- Protect pupils' welfare and privacy.
- Minimise distractions and disruption to teaching and learning.
- Support the school's Christian values of kindness, belonging, peace, and courage by promoting respectful and responsible use of technology.
- Ensure compliance with safeguarding requirements and data protection laws.

2. Scope and Applicability

This policy applies to:

- All pupils attending St Peter's CE Primary School.
- All staff employed by the school, including volunteers and supply staff.
- Parents, carers, and visitors on school premises or during school activities.

3. Legal and Regulatory Framework

This policy complies with:

- The UK Government's guidance on mobile phone use in schools.
- The Data Protection Act 2018 and UK GDPR concerning privacy and image rights.
- Safeguarding requirements under Keeping Children Safe in Education (2023).
- The Equality Act 2010 to ensure fair and inclusive application without discrimination.

4. Roles and Responsibilities

4.1 School Leadership Team

- Develop, implement, and regularly review the mobile phone policy.
- Ensure that staff receive training on the policy and related safeguarding issues.
- Monitor and evaluate the impact of the policy on behaviour and learning outcomes.

4.2 Staff

- Model responsible mobile phone use and enforce the policy consistently.
- Report any concerns regarding mobile phone misuse to designated safeguarding leads.
- Support pupils in understanding the importance of responsible phone use.

4.3 Pupils

- Follow the school rules regarding mobile phone use.
- Use mobile phones responsibly and respectfully, adhering to the policy at all times.

4.4 Parents and Carers

- Support the school's mobile phone policy and encourage responsible use at home and school.
- Ensure pupils understand when and how mobile phones may be used in school.

5. Policy Details

5.1 Pupils' Use of Mobile Phones

- Mobile phones are **not permitted for use during the school day** (including break and lunch times) to prevent distractions and protect pupil wellbeing.
- Pupils who bring a mobile phone to school must hand it in to the school office **immediately upon arrival**. Phones will be securely stored and returned at the end of the day.
- Use of mobile phones for emergencies will be managed by school staff.

5.2 Staff Use of Mobile Phones

- Staff should only use mobile phones during non-contact time and in designated areas, away from pupils, to maintain professionalism and safeguarding standards.
- Use of personal phones to contact pupils or parents is not permitted; all communication should be via official school channels.

5.3 Parents, Carers, and Visitors

- Parents and carers are asked not to use mobile phones when on school premises, especially during drop-off, collection, and school events, to model respectful behaviour and safeguard pupils.
- Visitors must comply with the school's mobile phone expectations and follow any instructions given by school staff.

5.4 Photography and Recording

- Use of mobile phones for photography or recording on school premises is strictly controlled and only permitted with explicit permission from school leadership, ensuring compliance with data protection and safeguarding policies.

6. Implementation and Communication

- This policy will be shared with all staff, pupils, and parents at the start of each academic year and made available on the school website.
- Staff training sessions will include the mobile phone policy and related safeguarding guidance.
- Pupils will be taught about responsible mobile phone use as part of the personal development curriculum.
- Clear signage will be displayed around the school to remind all stakeholders of the mobile phone rules.

7. Monitoring, Review and Sanctions

- The policy will be reviewed annually or sooner if required by changes in legislation or school context.
 - Leaders will monitor incidents of mobile phone misuse and evaluate the policy's effectiveness through behaviour logs and pupil/staff feedback.
 - Sanctions for breaches of the policy will be consistent with the school's behaviour policy and may include confiscation, parental contact, or further disciplinary action.
 - What steps will be taken if the policy is not followed?
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8. Related Policies and Documents

- Safeguarding and Child Protection Policy
 - Behaviour Policy
 - Data Protection and Privacy Policy
 - Acceptable Use of ICT Policy
 - Anti-Bullying Policy
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9. Contact Information

For questions or concerns regarding this policy, please contact:

- Headteacher: Emma Moss
 - Designated Safeguarding Lead: Emma Moss
 - SENCO: Lucy Turner
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Final Note

St Peter's CE Primary School is committed to ensuring this policy supports a safe, respectful, and focused learning environment in line with our Christian values and the OFSTED framework.

*Policy approved by the Governing Body on March 2026
Next review date: March 2027*