

Brunshaw Primary School



‘Inspiring children to be resilient and aspirational learners, within a positive and considerate community.’

Mobile Phones in School Policy

March 2026

Agreed by Governors:27/03/26

As Headteacher I recognise that it has become fashionable, and almost an expectation, that pupils own mobile phones of their own. I also recognise the value of a child carrying a mobile phone for safety reasons. However, at primary school this should not be necessary.

The current school policy on use of mobile phones is as follows:

- Pupils should not bring mobile phones onto the school site unless there are exceptional circumstances agreed in advance by the Headteacher.
- Where it is necessary for a pupil to bring a mobile phone to school (for example due to travel arrangements), the phone must be switched off on arrival and handed to the class teacher or school office for secure storage during the school day. The phone may be collected at the end of the school day.
- Pupils must not access mobile phones at any time during the school day, including before school, during lessons, breaktimes, lunchtimes, or during clubs and activities taking place on the school site.
- Pupils are not permitted to take mobile phones on educational visits unless specifically authorised by the Headteacher.
- Mobile phones and other smart devices (including smart watches capable of messaging, recording audio or video, or accessing the internet) must not be used to take photographs, record audio or video, or access online content on the school site.
- Any mobile phone or smart device used in breach of this policy will be confiscated. Parents or carers may be required to collect the device from the school.
- The Headteacher has the authority to confiscate a mobile phone if it is brought to school or used in breach of the school's mobile phone policy. The phone may be retained for a reasonable and proportionate period of time as a disciplinary sanction, and parents or carers may be required to collect the phone from the school.
- The school reserves the right to confiscate mobile phones for a specified period of time where the policy has been breached repeatedly.
- The Headteacher, or a member of staff authorised by the Headteacher, has the legal authority to search a pupil or their possessions if there are reasonable grounds to suspect that they are carrying a prohibited item or an item banned under the school rules. Mobile phones and similar electronic devices are included as items that may be searched for in line with the school's behaviour policy and Department for Education guidance on searching, screening and confiscation.

- The school cannot accept responsibility for loss, damage or theft of mobile phones brought onto the school site.

Staff Use of Mobile Phones

- Staff should not use personal mobile phones for calls, messaging, or social media while directly supervising pupils.
- Staff must follow the school's Acceptable Use Policy and safeguarding procedures regarding the use of personal devices

Contractors

All contractors attending the school premises are required to comply with the school's Mobile Phone Policy. The use of mobile phones in areas where pupils are present is strictly prohibited.

- Upon arrival, the Site Supervisor, Fiona Murray, or Scott Robertson will inform contractors of this requirement and ensure they are aware of the school's Mobile Phone Policy.
- Should contractors need to use a mobile phone during their time on site, they must leave the school premises to do so.

Online Safety

- Mobile phone use is covered by the school's Online Safety Policy. Any misuse of technology, including cyberbullying, inappropriate communication, or the sharing of images, will be dealt with in accordance with the school's behaviour and safeguarding policies.

Communication

The school will ensure that pupils, parents and staff are informed of this policy and understand the reasons for maintaining a mobile phone-free environment, including improving learning, behaviour, and safeguarding.

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