

Brunshaw Primary School



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

Mobile Phones in School Policy

March 2024

Agreed by Governors: 14/03/2024

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 mobile phones is as follows:

- Pupils are not allowed to bring mobile phones on to the school site during the school day unless there are exceptional reasons for doing so.
- If a phone needs to be brought on to the school site for some exceptional reason, the pupil must switch it off, hand it into their class teacher on arrival. The class teacher (or person in charge of the class) will arrange for the safe storage of the phone during the school day. The phone may then be collected from them at the end of the school day.
- Pupils are not permitted to take mobile phones on educational visits.
- Staff may not use their mobile phones for personal calls or messages whilst they are directly in charge of pupils. (See staff handbook for further guidance) This is also a main point on the acceptable use policy which all staff sign yearly. (See policy for further information)
- The technology of mobile phones has developed such that they now have the facility to record sound, take photographs and video images. This technology is open to abuse leading to the invasion of privacy. Taking of such images, without permission, contravenes the Data Protection Act of 1998.
- In the event of a mobile phone being used to record sound, photographic or video images of any persons in the school, pupils or staff, the mobile phone will be confiscated, and parents will be asked to collect the mobile phone on a date determined by the Headteacher.
- School reserves the right to confiscate mobile phones for a specified amount of time. This will be discussed with parents if this needs to happen.
- Mobile phones are expensive items, and the school will not take any responsibility for the phone if it happens to be damaged, stolen or lost whilst in school.
- As most phones have access to 4G or 5G, the online safety policy must be adhered to when using mobile phones (see online safety policy). The school will take a strong stance on any children or staff using mobile phones in an inappropriate way in and out of school.

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