

## **1 Introduction**

The policy is designed to ensure that mobile phones and other smart devices do not disrupt the children's education.

The increasing sophistication of mobile phones and wearable technology presents issues for schools, particularly with regard to the children's safety and well-being. The integration of cameras into phones and the accessibility of internet technology, for example, can lead to potential child protection and data protection issues. The high value of modern phones also presents an unnecessary risk for young children.

We recognise however that some children, when travelling unaccompanied to and from school, may need mobile phones for use in case of emergency. This policy has been designed with this in mind.

## **2 Policy**

- 2.1 Only pupils who travel to school independently may bring a mobile phone to school. If you would like your child to bring a mobile phone into school, either on an occasional or regular basis, you must read this policy. You and your child must fill out the 'Unaccompanied Travel and Mobile Phone Register'. This will enable the school to have a full and accurate record of pupils who travel independently and have a mobile device in School.
- 2.2 Pupils who are brought into school and picked up by a parent or guardian are not allowed to bring a mobile phone into school.
- 2.3 Phones must be switched off before entering school and dropped off in a secure locker in Edenfield prior to morning registration. Phones will be returned to pupils in Edenfield as they leave the school site at the end of their day. The phone must remain switched off until the pupil has left the school site.
- 2.4 Pupils are not allowed to use their mobile phone on the school site (this includes Latham Road Sports Field). If, at the end of the day, pupils on the 'Unaccompanied Journey and Mobile Phone Register' need to contact a parent, they may use the School Office phone. Alternatively, they can use their own mobile phone when they have left the school grounds.
- 2.5 As usual, if a parent wants to contact their child or pass on a message to them during the school day, they should contact the School Office (01223 352073) and not their child's mobile device.
- 2.6 Parents who need to contact their child after 1700 should contact a member of the Late Stay team on the Late Stay phone (07773 368508).
- 2.7 Other than a mobile phone, any form of smart device or wearable technology, such as a smartwatch or fitness tracker, must not be brought into school.

### **3 Matches and Trips**

- 3.1 Pupils are not allowed to use their phones when they are attending activities, fixtures or trips offsite. On day trips or away sports fixtures, phones of pupils on the 'Unaccompanied Journey and Mobile Phone Register' will remain at school and pupils should collect on their return. Pupils travelling home independently from an away fixture should collect their phone before departure from St Faith's and immediately hand it to their Games teacher. The phone will be returned to the pupil before being dismissed and travelling home. Parents will be kept informed of travel delays via School Post e-mail or text message.
- 3.2 Pupils are not allowed to take mobile phones or other smart devices on residential trips in the UK or overseas. Pupils will have use of a school phone if they would like to call home.

Pupils who do not abide by this policy will receive appropriate sanctions.

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