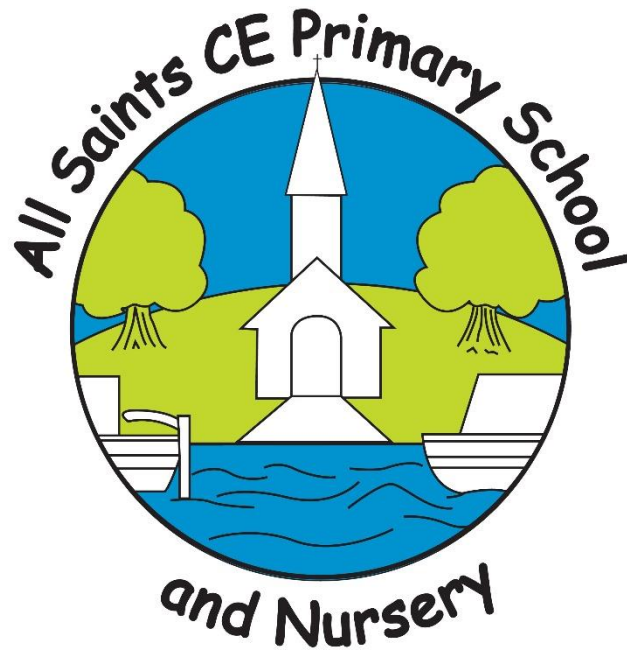


Pupil Mobile Phone Use Policy



*'Learning for life,
building a firm foundation'*

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Aims of our Personal Mobile Phone Use for Pupils Policy

At All Saints, we believe that our vision, *Learning for life, building a firm foundation*, is vitally important in terms of pupils use of mobile phones. This is because children need firm foundations on which to build in all aspects of their lives. In the case of this policy, this is to allow users to benefit from modern communication technologies, whilst promoting safe and appropriate practice through establishing clear and robust acceptable mobile user guidelines. This is achieved through balancing protection against potential misuse with the recognition that mobile phones are effective communication tools. It is recognised that it is the enhanced functions of many mobile phones that cause the most concern, offering distractions and disruption to the working day, and which are most susceptible to misuse - including the taking and distribution of indecent images, exploitation and bullying. However, as it is difficult to detect specific usage, this policy refers to ALL mobile communication devices.

Responsibility

All staff (including teachers, support staff, and supply staff) are responsible for enforcing this policy.

Volunteers, or anyone else otherwise engaged by the school, must alert a member of staff if they witness, or are aware of, a breach of this policy.

The headteacher or a member of staff designated in the headteacher's absence is responsible for monitoring the policy reviewing it, and holding staff and pupils accountable for its implementation.

This policy should also be read in relation to the following documentation:

- Child Protection and Safeguarding Policy
- Child Protection executive Statement
- Keeping Children Safe
- Behaviour Policy
- Written Statement of Behaviour Policies
- Anti-Bullying Policy
- Acceptable Use Policy
- Health and Safety policy
- E-safety Policy
- Whistleblowing Policy Staff Code of Conduct Induction Policy
- Expected behaviour of parents on school site

Personal Mobiles - Pupils

We also recognise that mobile phones are part of everyday life for many children and that they can play an important role in helping pupils to feel safe and secure. However, we also recognise that they can prove a distraction in school and can provide a means of bullying or intimidating others- pupils or staff. This is not acceptable and will be dealt with in line with the appropriate school policies.

Therefore:

- Pupils are allowed to bring mobile phones into school if they are walking to or from school without parents.
- Parents must inform the office and/ or class teacher that the pupil will be bringing a mobile phone into school and sign a consent form. This will then cover the pupil bringing a mobile phone to school on all further occasions.
- It is expected that this privilege will apply to year 5 and/ or year 6 pupils only. The phone must be switched off before pupils come through the school gates and must not be used on school premises by pupils.
- The phone **must be handed in to the classroom, on arrival at school**, in a named envelope and must be switched off. Pupils must not have the mobile phone on their person, bag or coat after they have entered the classroom.
- If a pupil forgets to hand their mobile phone into the classroom, then they must take it to the classroom as soon as they remember, or the presence of a mobile phone is identified by a member of staff. If the pupil repeatedly forgets to hand their mobile phone in, the pupil will lose the privilege of bringing their mobile phone onto the school premises.
- The phone is left at the owner's own risk and **school is not responsible for loss or damage.**
- Phones must not be taken on school trips/visits.

In accordance with DfE guidance **Searching, screening and confiscation**, school staff can search a pupil for any item if the pupil agrees. The headteacher and any member of staff authorised by the headteacher also has a statutory power to search pupils or their possessions, without consent, where they have reasonable grounds for suspecting that the pupil may have one or more of the following prohibited items in their possession: knives or weapons; alcohol; illegal drugs; stolen items; tobacco and cigarette papers; fireworks; pornographic images; indecent images of children; any article that a member of staff reasonably suspects has been, or is likely to be, used to commit an offence or to cause personal injury to or damage to the property of any person (including the pupil). The safeguarding of all children is paramount to the school.

Where mobile phones are used in or out of school to bully or intimidate others, then the head teacher or DSL does have the power to intervene 'to such an extent as it is reasonable to regulate the behaviour of pupils when they are off the school site.'

Dissemination

The mobile phone policy will be shared with staff and parents and will be available to parents via the school website (or printed as required).

PERMISSION TO BRING A MOBILE PHONE TO SCHOOL

Pupils in years 5 and 6 are allowed to bring mobile phones into school if they are walking to or from school without parents. Parents must sign the consent form. This will then cover the pupil bringing a mobile phone to the school on all further occasions. The phone must be handed in to the class teacher who will keep it in a secure location. Mobile phones are brought to school at the owner's risk.

I give permission for my child to bring his / her mobile phone to school and understand they must hand it over to the adult in their classroom in the morning and collect it from them at the end of the school day. I have read and understood the guidelines, systems and reasonable precautions set out in the school policy '**Pupils' Mobile Phone Use**'.

Child's name: _____

Year 5 / 6 (please delete as appropriate)

Signed: _____ Date: _____

[Print Name] _____