



Mobile Phone Policy

St. John's School recognises that mobile phones are now part of everyday life and for parents who choose to allow their children to bring mobile phones to school the following policy will apply. All pupils bringing mobile phones to school will require parental permission. The attached slip must be completed and returned to School

Responsible Use

Students are only allowed to use mobile phones at the end of the school day once they have left the premises. Pupils will not be allowed to use phones on school premises before school and obviously not at any time during the school day.

The school is a workplace therefore phones must be switched off at all times during the school day and kept in bags or blazer pockets.

Students will be responsible for their own phones and whilst the Governors give permission for phones to be brought to school, they will not take any financial responsibility for phones that are lost, damaged, stolen or confiscated.

Students must ensure that files stored on their phones do not contain any inappropriate material. Students who fail to follow this will have their phone confiscated and both their parents and the police will be informed.

Cyber-bullying is completely unacceptable. Students involved in this will have their phone confiscated; it will be returned to their parent / carer, or passed to the police. The consequence for this offence will result in a fixed-term exclusion from school. In some cases it may warrant permanent exclusion. This will be at the discretion of the Governing Body.

Phones used incorrectly by students and visible to staff will be confiscated. On the first occasion the phone may be collected by the student at the end of the day. On any subsequent occasions the phone will be held at reception until collected by the parent/carer.

If there is a genuine **emergency** which requires communication with home, students will continue to be able to use the phone in reception as previously and not their mobile phones.

Parents should continue to phone reception in order to contact their children in a genuine **emergency** and any messages will be given to the student. Please do not try to communicate with your child during the school day via their mobile phone.

Students need to acknowledge that it is a privilege to be permitted to bring mobile phones to school and non-adherence to this policy will lead to a curtailment of this privilege.

This policy has been devised in order to protect all children and staff at St. John's from any form of abuse through the misuse of mobile phones and we would appreciate your full support with this.

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PARENTAL CONSENT FORM

Name of Child..... Class.....

I/we agree to the terms of St. John's C of E Middle School's Mobile Phone policy and give permission for our child/children to bring a mobile phone to school.

Signed.....Parent/Carer Date.....

Name.....(please print)