



## **Pupil Mobile Phone Use in School**

Every school has a duty to create an environment that is calm, safe and free from distraction so all pupils can learn and thrive. One of the greatest challenges facing schools is the presence of mobile phones. Mobile phones risk unnecessary distraction, disruption and diversion. Pupils can be distracted by phones and they can also disrupt learning for the whole class and diverts teachers' efforts away from learning.

We owe it to our children to do what we can to remove distractions and enable them to be fully present and engaged in the classroom. We also owe it to our pupils to keep them safe at school. Therefore, from September 2024 we have decided that pupils can no longer bring their mobile phones onto the school site.

The only exception to this is if your young person travels independently or needs their phone for self-regulation in school transport. A phone found at school would be in breach of the policy.

On arrival at school each pupil needs to hand their phone to the school staff. The phone will be stored securely and can be collected at the end of the day. Please note we will not be held liable if the phone is lost or broken whilst at school.

This information has been communicated to parents in the newsletter and there will be regular reminders.

Class teams will reinforce this policy to pupils on an individual basis as needed. They will also teach pupils the dangers and risks of mobile phone use.