

Mobile phone Policy

Date approved	Committee responsible for review of policy	Next review date	Policy on website	Statutory policy
2024	Headteacher	2025	Yes	No

Headteacher: Mrs Fiona Micklefield



Purpose

The widespread ownership of mobile phones among young people requires that school administrators, teachers, pupils, parents and carers take steps to ensure that mobile phones are used responsibly at schools. This Acceptable Use Policy is designed to ensure that potential issues involving mobile phones can be clearly identified and addressed, ensuring the benefits that mobile phones provide (such as increased safety) can continue to be enjoyed by our pupils. St Lawrence CE Primary School has established the following Acceptable Use Policy for mobile phones that provides teachers, pupils, parents and carers guidelines and instructions for the appropriate use of mobile phones during school hours.

Rationale

Personal safety and security

St Lawrence Primary School accepts that parents/carers give their children mobile phones to protect them from everyday risks involving personal security and safety. There is also increasing concern about children travelling alone on public transport or commuting long distances to school. It is acknowledged that providing a child with a mobile phone gives parents reassurance that they can contact their child if they need to speak to them urgently.

For staff, Governors and volunteers, please read this policy in conjunction with our Child Protection and Safeguarding policy.

Responsibility

The decision to provide a mobile phone to their children should be made by parents or carers. Parents/carers should be aware if their child takes a mobile phone to school.
The school accepts no responsibility for any loss or damage of a mobile phone. If parents choose to allow their child to bring a phone to school then they do so at their own risk.

Acceptable Uses

- Mobile phones must be switched off as the child enters the school gate, and kept securely in the school office in a folder until the end of the school day.
- Phones can be switched on once the child has left the premises when they leave the school premises.
- If a phone is found in a bag or on a child, it must immediately be taken to the office.
- Phones are brought to school at the owners' risk
- School takes no responsibility for any loss or damage.
- If a child breaches these arrangements then the mobile phone will be confiscated and parents informed.

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