

Mobile Phone Policy

St Anne's Catholic Primary School recognises that parents may wish their children to have mobile phones for use in cases of emergency. However, mobiles can be used inappropriately and are potential targets for theft and bullying. The integration of cameras into phones has led to potential child protection and data protection issues. The Governing Body has, therefore, adopted the following policy which will be rigorously enforced.

Although it is not realistic to prohibit phones being brought to school, Governors expect the Headteacher to ensure that staff strongly discourage pupils from bringing mobile phones to school unless absolutely necessary for safety reasons

If pupils bring mobile phones to school, they should be handed to their class teacher, who will put them in a secure place. The phones must not be used for any purpose during the school day (eg phoning, texting, surfing the internet, taking photos, checking the time, taking videos) and must remain switched off while pupils are on school premises.

If a pupil needs to contact his/her parents/guardians they will be allowed to use a school phone.

If parents need to contact children urgently they should phone the school office and a message will be relayed promptly.

In the case of events, trips, visits and other off-site activities, their use is not allowed unless specifically permitted by the teacher in charge.

Phones must not be taken into examinations.

The School accepts no responsibility whatsoever for theft, loss, damage or health effects (potential or actual) relating to mobile phones. It is the responsibility of parents and pupils to ensure mobile phones are properly insured.

If a pupil breaches these rules, the phone will be confiscated and parents will be contacted immediately.

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