

Appendix 7 Mobile Phone Statement

Children, staff and parents

Children are not allowed to bring internet enabled smart phones, smart watches or any other internet enabled device onto the school site.

Staff will confiscate any internet enabled devices found on site and parents will be required to collect the device at a time suggested by the school (schools are allowed to confiscate such devices for the length of time they deem proportionate, according to the DfEs guidance on mobile phone use).

Children may bring a 'brick' phone to school if they independently walk and this device must be placed in a marked school phone box. The box will be closed after registration and will be stored in the school office throughout the day. It will be returned to class at the end of the day.

Staff will confiscate any mobile device found and/ or used during the school day and parents will be required to collect the device at a time suggested by the school (schools are allowed to confiscate such devices for the length of time they deem proportionate, according to the DfEs guidance on mobile phone use).

Parents/carers must use the school office if they need to get in touch with their child during the school day. They must not try to contact their child on their personal mobile during the school day.

Loss/ Theft/ Damage

The school does not accept any responsibility for loss or theft or damage to personal technology items brought into school from home.

Exceptions

Children with diabetes or medical conditions that require them to monitor their blood sugar will be allowed to bring an internet enabled device to school.

Children who require assistive technology to access learning will be allowed to bring an internet enabled device to school.

Other exceptions may be needed but all must be agreed with a member of the Senior Leadership Team prior to commencing.

Parents/ carer, visitors and volunteers (including governors and contractors)

Parents/ carer, visitors and volunteers (including governors and contractors) must:

- not take pictures or recordings of pupils, unless it's at a public event (such as a school fair), or of their own child
- ensure any photographs or recordings are for personal use only and are never posted on social media if they contain images of children other than their own
- not use phones in lessons, or when working with pupils.

When supervising school trips or residential visits they must not:

- Use their phone to make contact with other parents/carers
- Take photos or recordings of pupils, their work, or anything else
- Parents/carers or volunteers supervising trips are also responsible for enforcing the school's statement for pupils using their phones, as set above, but must refer any sanctions to a member of staff, as they do not have the power to search or confiscate devices.