

St Bridget's C of E Primary

Mobile Phone Policy



‘Love your neighbour as yourself.’

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St. Bridget's C.E. Primary School – Mobile Phone & Smart Device Policy

Vision & Purpose In alignment with Chester Diocesan Learning Trust's commitment to "Shaping better futures; one body, many parts" and current Department for Education (DfE) guidance, this policy ensures a safe, calm, and distraction-free environment that supports learning, safeguarding, and pupil wellbeing.

Scope This policy applies to all pupils, staff, parents, volunteers, contractors, and visitors on school premises. "Smart devices" refer to mobile phones, smartwatches, tablets, or any personal device capable of communication, internet access, image/audio recording, or social media use.

Pupil Rules: A Fully Phone-Free Environment

- **Strict Ban:** Mobile phones and smartwatches are strictly prohibited from being brought onto school grounds by pupils.
- **Travel to/from School:** Primary-aged pupils should not bring devices to school. In exceptional circumstances, and with prior permission, parents may request that children carry a basic "brick" phone (non-smart device) to school for the journey. That request must be formally made to the headteacher.
- **Exceptions & Reasonable Adjustments**
- Reasonable adjustments will be made for pupils in exceptional circumstances requiring smart technology for medical monitoring (e.g., diabetes) or specific Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND).
- Any exception must be formally agreed upon in writing with the Headteacher prior to bringing the device on site.

Emergency Communication

- Parents/carers needing to convey **urgent** messages to their child during the school day must contact the main school office.
- Pupils needing to contact home will be supported by office staff, eliminating any need for personal devices.

Staff, Visitor, and Volunteer Expectations

- Staff, visitors, and volunteers must model professional behaviour by keeping personal devices out of sight and on silent during pupil contact hours and in pupil areas.
- Personal device use by adults is restricted exclusively to designated non-pupil areas (e.g., the staffroom) unless by prior agreement with the Headteacher.

Enforcement & Confiscation

- Any unauthorised device brought into school by a pupil will be confiscated immediately by staff and placed in safe storage in the school office.
- Confiscated devices must be collected in person by a parent or carer.

- Repeated non-compliance will be managed under the school's Behaviour Policy.

Policy Review This policy is reviewed annually by the local governing body in alignment with Trust oversight and DfE guidelines.