



MOBILE PHONE POLICY 2026-2027

That all may have life - life in all its fullness

Our Mission Statement

The aim of our school is excellence in education in accordance with the teachings of the church.

We recognise that everyone is unique and has something to offer and we seek to develop each child's potential in a learning community where all are respected. We want every child to achieve and experience success.

Working in partnership with children, their parents, our parish and the wider community, we promote Christ's teaching as found in the Gospel so that 'all may have life, life in all its fullness'.

We aim to ensure this is done by;

- Praying together
- Living and working together as a loving, caring and forgiving community
- Valuing the experience and diversity of every person in our community
- Encouraging the children to achieve of their best – mentally, emotionally and spiritually
- Helping all in our community to experience the joy of learning and working together

(Year 6 Pupils, Staff and Parents)

This policy has been written in line with the school's statutory duty to safeguard and promote the welfare of children, as set out in Keeping Children Safe in Education (KCSIE). It also reflects Ofsted expectations that schools:

- Maintain a strong safeguarding culture
- Manage risks associated with technology
- Promote pupils' personal development, behaviour and welfare

The purpose of this policy is to ensure that mobile phone use does not compromise safeguarding, learning, wellbeing or privacy.

This policy applies to:

- Year 6 pupils
- All school staff (including volunteers and visitors, where appropriate)
- Parents and carers

It covers mobile phones, smart watches/glasses and any personal devices capable of communication, photography, video or internet access.

Pupils (Year 6)

Bringing Mobile Phones to School

- Year 6 pupils may bring a mobile phone only where there is a clear safety or travel-related need, such as independent travel to and from school.
- Mobile phones are brought to school at the owner's risk.
- The school does not accept responsibility for loss, theft or damage.

Storage and Use During the School Day

- Mobile phones must:
 - Be switched off (not silent)
 - Be handed in to the class teacher or school office on arrival
 - Be stored securely during the school day
 - Be collected at the end of the school day
 - Mobile phones must not be used at any point during the school day, including breaktimes and lunchtime.

Smart Watches

- Smart watches that allow messaging, photography, video recording or internet access are not permitted in school.
- Watches that only tell the time are allowed.

Smart Glasses and Wearable Tech

To ensure our school community remains a safe and secure place, the wearing or use of smart glasses—including Meta Ray-Ban glasses and any other eyewear capable of recording video, taking photos, or capturing audio—is strictly prohibited on school grounds. To protect the privacy and safeguarding of all individuals, pupils, parents, carers, staff, and visitors must not bring or wear smart glasses anywhere on the school premises.

Misuse of Mobile Phones by Pupils

Misuse includes, but is not limited to:

- Taking or sharing images or videos of others without consent
- Accessing social media, games or the internet
- Sending inappropriate, offensive or distressing messages
- Any use that compromises safeguarding or wellbeing

In line with the school's behaviour and safeguarding policies:

- Any misuse will result in the phone being confiscated
- Parents/carers will be informed
- Repeated misuse may result in the pupil no longer being permitted to bring a phone to school
- Serious incidents may be treated as a safeguarding concern and dealt with accordingly

Staff Use of Mobile Phones

In accordance with safeguarding guidance and the Staff Code of Conduct:

- Staff must ensure personal mobile phone use does not impact supervision, teaching or professional responsibilities.
- Staff must not use personal mobile phones to:
 - Take photographs or videos of pupils
 - Contact pupils or parents
- School devices must be used for all school-related communication and photography.
- Staff must follow data protection, confidentiality and safeguarding procedures at all times.

Parents and Carers

- Parents should not contact pupils directly during the school day via mobile phone or smart devices.
- All communication during the school day should be via the school office.
- Parents are expected to support the school by:
 - Ensuring their child understands and follows this policy
 - Reinforcing safe and responsible use of mobile phones outside school
 - Parents not to use their mobile phone on the school site.

Safeguarding, Privacy and Online Safety

- The unauthorised use of mobile phones to photograph, film or record others is strictly prohibited.
- Any incident involving inappropriate content, images or online behaviour will be treated in line with the school's safeguarding and child protection procedures.
- Concerns relating to mobile phone use should be reported immediately to the Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL).

Loss, Theft or Damage

- The school accepts no liability for mobile phones brought onto the premises.
- Pupils are encouraged not to bring valuable or unnecessary devices to school.

Monitoring and Review

This policy will be:

- Reviewed annually
- Updated in response to changes in statutory guidance, including Keeping Children Safe in Education
- Evaluated as part of the school's safeguarding and behaviour monitoring processes