

REDLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL MOBILE PHONE POLICY

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Purpose

This policy sets out the expectations for the use of mobile phones within our school. Our aim is to ensure a safe, focused and respectful learning environment for all pupils whilst recognising that some older pupils may need to bring a mobile to school for safety reasons before or after school hours.

General Principles

- The school discourages pupils from bringing mobile phones onto school premises unless absolutely necessary and agreed by the Headteacher.
- The school is not responsible for the loss, theft or damage of any devices brought onto the school grounds.
- Mobile phones must not be used during the school day unless explicitly authorised by a member of staff.

Reception to Year 5

- Pupils in Reception to Year 5 are not allowed to bring mobile phones to school.
- Any exceptional circumstances must be discussed and agreed in advance with the headteacher.

Year 6

- Pupils in Year 6 may bring a mobile phone to school only with parental permission, typically where children walk to and from school independently.
- Upon arrival at school, all phones must be:
  - switched off
  - handed in to a designated member of staff
  - placed in a location that is out of sight of children
  - phones will remain away for the duration of the school day
  - phones can be collected at the end of the day but must remain switched off until the pupil has left the school premises.

Residentials and School Trips

- Pupils are not permitted to bring mobile phones on school trips or residentials unless given special permission by the headteacher.

Use of Mobile Phones

- Pupils should not use mobile phone anywhere on school grounds at any time during the school day.
- This includes break times, lunch times, and during after-school clubs unless explicitly authorised by staff.

- The use of mobile phones to take photographs, videos and recordings is strictly prohibited.

Safeguarding and Behaviour

- Any misuse of a mobile phone, including attempts to access it during the day, will be treated as a breach of the school behaviour policy.
- Inappropriate use of the device may result in: confiscation, parental contact and/or further action following the school's behaviour policy.

Staff, Governors and Visitors

- Staff, Governors and visitors are expected to model appropriate use of mobile phones and follow safeguarding guidelines at all times.
- Mobile phones should not be used when children are around, unless under exceptional circumstances.

Monitoring and Review

This policy will be reviewed annually or as required to ensure it remains effective and relevant.