

Pupil Mobile Phone & Personal Device Policy

St Peter's CEVC Primary School



Our Christian Vision

As part of a church school family that grows together in compassion and kindness, we aspire to be the best that we can be.

We flourish through the connections and relationships we nurture, guided by our Christian values.

Our uniqueness is embraced; our faith and beliefs guide us to be courageous enough to stand up for what is right; and bold enough to evoke change in our world, just as Jesus did.

As James 2:18 reminds us, *'I will show you my faith by my actions'*

Our Approach

At St Peter's Church of England Primary School, we work in partnership with families to ensure that every child feels safe, supported and able to focus on learning. As part of this commitment, we carefully manage the use of mobile phones. Mobile phones can present safeguarding, privacy and data protection risks in a primary school setting, including unauthorised photography, video recording, messaging and internet access. For this reason pupils do not routinely bring phones into school.

This policy sets out a clear, fair and consistent approach that supports children's wellbeing and helps everyone understand expectations.

Mobile Phones & Personal Devices

- This policy refers explicitly to mobile phones. However, this will also apply to any other personal device including, but not limited to, SMART/GPS watches, tablets, music devices.
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Mobile Phones in School

- Pupils do not usually bring mobile phones to school
- This includes phones that are switched off or kept in bags or pockets
- Mobile phones (and other personal devices) are not permitted on school premises unless covered by one of the agreed arrangements below

School Day

For the purposes of this policy, the school day begins when a pupil enters the school premises and ends when they leave the premises at the end of the school day. Mobile phones and personal devices covered by this policy must not be used at any point during the school day, including before registration, during lessons, breaktimes and lunchtime.

Year 6 Transition Support

To help prepare pupils for the move to secondary school:

- Year 6 pupils may routinely carry a mobile phone to and from school.
- Phones must:
 - Be switched off **before entering the school gates**
 - Be handed directly to the class teacher on arrival
 - Remain securely stored during the school day
- Phones can be collected from the teacher at the end of the school day

Pupils in All Other Year Groups

- Pupils in all other year groups should not bring mobile phones to school
- This includes devices that are switched off or kept in bags

Exceptional Circumstances

We recognise that there may be exceptional circumstances, and these are considered sensitively on an individual basis.

Medical Needs in School

- Where a mobile phone is required in school due to a medical need, this must be agreed in advance with the school and a robust plan in place

Other

- In rare cases (for example, travel or family circumstances), a child not in Year 6 may need to carry a phone to and from school
- This must:
 - Be agreed in advance with the school
 - Be arranged directly with parents/carers
- In these cases, the phone must be **handed into the school office on arrival** and collected at the end of the school day
- The phone must not be kept by the child during the school day

The school recognises that some pupils may require reasonable adjustments in relation to this policy due to a medical condition, disability or special educational need. Any arrangements will be considered on an individual basis and agreed with parents/carers and relevant professionals where appropriate.

School Trips, Outings and Residential Visits

- Mobile phones are not permitted on school trips, outings or residential visits
- This applies to all pupils, including Year 6
- Any exception will only be made where explicitly agreed in advance by the school due to exceptional circumstances, e.g. for medical reasons

Confiscation and Follow-Up

If a mobile phone is brought into school in breach of this policy:

- The phone will be confiscated
 - It will need to be collected by a parent or carer
 - Repeated issues will be addressed in line with the school's behaviour policy
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Responsibility for Devices

The school cannot accept responsibility for the loss, theft or damage of mobile phones brought onto school premises or school activities, including those handed in under agreed arrangements.

Working in Partnership with Parents

Parents and carers are asked to support the school by ensuring that pupils do not bring mobile phones or personal devices to school unless an exception has been agreed in advance. The school will communicate this policy regularly and work with families to ensure it is understood and followed consistently.

Review

This policy will be reviewed regularly as part of the school's safeguarding and wellbeing procedures.

Related Policies

This policy should be read alongside the school's:

- Behaviour Policy
- Child Protection Policy
- Online Safety Policy
- Acceptable Use Agreements
- SEND Policy