

Kirby Muxloe Primary School



Mobile Phone & Smart Devices Policy

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Introduction

With the wider spread of mobile phone use and the emergence of wearable technology a range of opportunities open themselves. Along with this comes many challenges that schools need to address in order to ensure the safety and privacy of children and staff as well as ensuring that learning is not disrupted.

Definitions

Mobile Phone:

- Any phone or device that is capable of making or receiving phone calls or texts. In addition it may have the capability to take photos or video.

Smart Watch or Device:

- Any watch or device that goes beyond 'just telling the time'. This may include photo and video capability, fitness tracking or messaging or calls capability.

Pupils

Pupils in Years 5 and 6 are allowed to bring a mobile phone into school in order to support their journey to and from school but only under the following conditions:

- Whilst on the school grounds it is switched off (not just on silent) and is given to the class teacher for that day before morning registration. It will then be placed into a lockable box and returned at the end of the school day.
- The school will make best efforts to secure the phone but will take no responsibility for any loss, damage or theft whilst on school property
- Filming, recording or photographing anyone at school is expressly prohibited and will be treated as a very severe infringement of the behaviour policy
- Any failure to follow any of these will result in the mobile phone being confiscated and returned to the parent or carer. The mobile phone will not then be allowed back into school for a period determined by the headteacher.

Pupils in years R-4 are not permitted to bring a mobile phone into school under any circumstances.

Smart watches or devices are not allowed into school. Watches that only tell the time are allowed. If staff are in doubt, they may confiscate the watch and discuss with parents.

These rules also apply to any trip or visit

Parents and Visitors

Parents or visitors assisting in school or accompanying a trip may bring a mobile phone or smart device with them, but they cannot use it or respond to it on school grounds or whilst accompanying a trip.

Images or video must not under any circumstances be taken whilst assisting in school or accompanying a trip even if it is of your own child.

Parents or visitors attending productions or events, may take video or photos of their own child but must not share any images containing other children on social media or other online outlets.

Staff

Staff should only use or respond to their own mobile technology when not in the company of children (i.e. at break times or other release time).

Under no circumstances should staff take photos or videos on their own devices of children in school or on school trips. Only school owned devices should be used for this purpose.