



CHILDREN'S USE OF MOBILE PHONES, DEVICES AND SMART WATCHES POLICY

The Lyppard Grange Primary School

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Children's Acceptable Use of Mobile Phones/Devices/Smart Watches Policy

Mobile phones, tablets and other personal electronic devices have become widely available and accessible to pupils. This policy is designed to prohibit the use of mobile phones and similar smart technology throughout the school day.

Pupils are responsible for their own belongings. The school accepts no responsibility for replacing property that is lost, stolen or damaged either on school premises or travelling to and from school, and at school events.

Staff will be protected against liability in any proceedings brought against them for any loss or damage to personal devices that have been confiscated as an appropriate sanction, provided that they have acted lawfully.

Pupils and staff should enable a personal PIN or passcode on all the devices they bring to school to protect their personal data, images and videos in the event that the device is lost, stolen or accessed by an unauthorised person.

At Lyppard Grange Primary School, only children **in Year 5 and Year 6 are permitted** to bring a mobile phone or Smart Watch to school.

In Year 5 and 6 this is only permitted where parents/carers are in agreement, that possession of a mobile phone or Smart Watch would be of significant and demonstrable benefit to the child because they walk to and/or from school without an adult, and on submission of the request for permission form (see Appendix 1).

Children in classes from **Reception – Year 4 are not permitted** to bring a mobile phone or Smart Watch to school, unless there are exceptional circumstances which must be discussed with a member of the Senior Leadership Team. A submission of the request for permission form (see Appendix 1) must be completed.

Mobile phones must be **switched off at the main gates** and handed to the class teacher on entry into school where they will be signed in and placed in a secure box. These boxes will then be taken and stored in the school office until the end of the school day when they will be returned to the children for them to turn on once they have left the school grounds.

Smart Watches must also be **switched off at the main gates** and handed to the class teacher on entry into school where they will be signed in and placed in a secure box. These boxes will then be taken and stored in the school office until the end of the school day when they will be returned to the children for them to turn on once they have left the school grounds.

Under no circumstances should a mobile phone or Smart Watch be used by children to record still or video images, or to record audio whilst on the school premises (once entered through the Main gates).

No tablets or other personal electronic devices are permitted **for any children** at Lyppard Grange Primary School unless there are exceptional circumstances which must be discussed with a member of the Senior Leadership Team

Searching pupils

School pupils have a right for their private life to be respected under Article 8 of the European Convention on Human Rights (ECHR). This right is not absolute, and the school can interfere with this right as long as it is justified, proportionate, and aligns with the powers to search in the Education Act 1996.

All searches will be conducted in line with the school's Searching, Screening and Confiscation Policy.

The Head Teacher, and other authorised staff members, will have the power to search a pupil or their possessions where they have reasonable grounds to suspect that a pupil is in possession of a prohibited item. Mobile phones and similar devices will be deemed as prohibited items that may be searched for in line with our Searching, Screening and Confiscation Policy.

The school will apply sanctions for breaches of this policy in a consistent and proportionate manner.

Any child found to be in breach of this policy will have their device confiscated and kept by the school until appropriate arrangements can be made for the collection of the device by a parent/carer. The child will not be able to bring any mobile device into school from this point and will be dealt with in accordance with the school's Behaviour Policy. Where a breach gives cause to suspect a pupil may be suffering, or may be at risk of, harm, staff will follow the school's safeguarding procedures and report concerns to the DSL.

Parents/Carers who need to contact their child in the case of an emergency should always do so by phoning the school office.

APPENDIX 1

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Mobile Phone/Device/Smart Watch Policy

I have read and understood the Mobile Phone/Device/Smart Watch Policy regarding children bringing a mobile phone or Smart Watch to school and accept the conditions within.

I am writing to request permission for my child to bring the following device/s into school (as they walk to/from school alone):

Mobile phone ☐ Smart Watch ☐

(Please Tick as appropriate)

I have explained the rules regarding mobile phones and Smart Watches to my child.

Child's Name: _____ Year: _____

Signed (Child): _____ Date: _____

Signed (Parent): _____ Date: _____

Print Name: _____

Relationship to Child: _____

Class _____

W/C _____

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