

St Margaret's Primary School

Policy for use of mobile phones in school

Rationale

We appreciate that the mobile phone is part of young people's lives today. We must ensure that we take steps to ensure that our pupils use such equipment safely and responsibly.

All pupils must be made aware that there are protocols for the use of digital devices in schools.

In St. Margaret's Primary School these protocols are there to protect the whole school community, and guarantee others' safety and privacy. They exist also to make pupils aware of their rights and responsibilities with regard to proper use of these devices whilst in school.

School Policy

- ✓ A mobile phone may be brought into St Margaret's PS if parents have given their consent.
- ✓ It is the pupil's responsibility to ensure his /her phone is switched off during the school day and not used on school premises/grounds.
- ✓ Mobile phones must be kept in trays/bags or with the class teacher until the end of the school day.
- ✓ The pupil must take full responsibility for their phone and in the event of damage or loss the school or local authority will not be held responsible.
- ✓ All communication between pupils and parents/carers during school hours should be through normal school routes i.e. phone message or email to school office, to be passed on to the pupil.
- ✓ Please remember that, following any event or emergency, school will make contact with parents/carers using normal procedures via the school landline and group call messaging service.

If a breach to this policy occurs the phone/device will be confiscated. It will be returned to the pupil, or collected by the parent/carer at the end of the school day in which the incident took place.

Persistent breach of school policy may result in a pupil not being allowed to bring a phone into school. Parental consultation will take place prior to any decision being made.

In the event of a serious misuse, the school will seek the advice of the police.