

WIMBLEDON CHASE PRIMARY SCHOOL

PUPIL MOBILE PHONE POLICY 2020



Pupils' mobile phone acceptable use policy

Purpose

Wimbledon Chase Primary School has established the following **Acceptable Use Policy** for mobile phones for pupils, parents and carers which offers guidelines and instructions for the appropriate use of mobile phones during school hours.

Pupils, their parents or carers must read and understand this Acceptable Use Policy as a condition upon which permission is given to bring mobile phones to school.

Parents must request permission from the Headteacher in writing for their child to bring a mobile phone to school.

Personal safety and security

Wimbledon Chase accepts that parents/carers may give their children mobile phones to protect them from everyday risks involving personal security and safety. There is also increasing concern about children travelling alone. It is acknowledged that providing a child with a mobile phone gives parents reassurance that they can contact their child if they need to speak to them urgently.

Responsibility

It is the responsibility of pupils and parents who bring mobile phones to school to abide by the guidelines outlined in this document.

The school cannot accept responsibility for any loss, damage or costs incurred due to its use. Pupils should protect their phone numbers by giving them only to close friends and family. This will help protect the pupil's number from falling into the wrong hands and guard against insulting, threatening or unpleasant communications.

Theft or damage

The school accepts no responsibility for pupils who lose or have their mobile phones stolen while travelling to and from school.

Pupils should mark their mobile phone clearly with their full name.

Pupils who bring a mobile phone to school must leave it at the school office when they arrive and not use it anywhere within the school grounds.

Acceptable Uses

All children's mobile phones and personally-owned devices **must be switched off and handed in to the school office** if they are brought into school.

Inappropriate conduct

- A child should only use their mobile phone to contact a parent in an emergency when they are coming to school or going home after school.
- Children should not use the smart phone features when coming to school or going home after school.
- Pupils are not permitted to use their mobile phones anywhere on school grounds.
- It is forbidden for pupils to use their own or other pupils' mobile phones to take videos and pictures of acts to denigrate or humiliate others. This also includes using mobile phones to photograph or film any pupil or member of staff without their consent. It is a criminal offence to use a mobile phone to menace, harass or offend another person and almost all calls, text messages and emails can be traced. Pupils must ensure that files stored on their phones do not contain violent, degrading, racist or pornographic images. The

transmission of such images is a criminal offence. Similarly, 'sexting' – which is the sending of personal sexual imagery - is also a criminal offence. Pupils who do not adhere to this policy will be banned from bringing their mobile phone to school.

Sanctions

Pupils who do not follow the rules set out in this document will be banned from bringing their mobile phone to school.