Wimbledon Chase Primary School

Pupil Mobile Phone Policy

Purpose

Wimbledon Chase Primary School has established the following Acceptable Use Policy for mobile phones for pupils and parents, outlining guidelines and instructions for appropriate mobile phone use during school hours. Pupils and their parents must read and understand this policy as a condition of being permitted to bring a mobile phone to school.

Parents must formally request permission for their child to bring a mobile phone to school by completing this Mobile Phone Google Permission Form.

Acceptable Use

All children's mobile phones and personal devices must be switched off and handed to their class teacher upon arrival at school.

The school accepts no responsibility for pupils who lose or have their mobile phones stolen while travelling to and from school or if they are damaged on school property.

Mobile Phone Conduct

- A child may only use their mobile phone to contact a parent in an emergency when commuting to or from school.
- Pupils are not permitted to use mobile phones anywhere on school premises.
- Pupils must hand their named mobile phone into their class teacher at the start of each day, for safe storage and it will be returned before dismissal.
- It is strictly forbidden to use mobile phones, whether owned by the pupil or others, to take videos or pictures intended to demean or humiliate others.
- No pupil may photograph or film another pupil or a member of staff without their explicit consent.
- Using a mobile phone to menace, harass, or offend another person is a criminal offence, and most 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 content. The transmission of such images is a criminal offence. Similarly, ‘sexting’—the sending of personal sexual imagery—is also a criminal offence.
- Children are not to use smartphone features while travelling to or from school, except in emergencies.

Support

Through the PSHE and Computing curriculums, the school will teach safe use of mobile phones and share key guidance with families.

Sanctions

The school will sanction any pupil conduct which poses a risk to the safety of the school community in regard to use of mobile phones.