MOBILE PHONE POLICY

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1. PURPOSE

We are committed to providing a calm, purposeful learning environment in which all pupils can achieve their potential. This policy sets out clear expectations regarding mobile phones to minimise distraction, protect learning time and support positive relationships across the Primary community. The policy reflects the Primary's ethos of trust, high expectations and respect, and should be read in conjunction with the Behaviour Management Policy.

The policy aligns with government guidance around the use of mobile phones in schools: https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/mobile-phones-in-schools/mobile-phones-in-schools

2. DEFINITIONS

2.1 Smartphone: A smartphone is any mobile device that includes internet access, applications, a touchscreen interface, cameras or multimedia messaging beyond basic calls and SMS.
2.2 Simple phone (brick phone): A simple phone is limited to basic calls and SMS, does not have internet access or apps, and has no or minimal camera functionality.
2.3 Mobile phone: Any device that can be used to communicate with others via cellular and/or Wi-Fi networks including simple phones and smartphones.

3. EXPECTATIONS DURING THE PRIMARY DAY

No type of mobile phone will be brought into school. Phones are not used during the school day so are not required. If Year 5 and Year 6 pupils walk to school independently, parents will be contacted if their child does not arrive at school on time by the school staffing team.

4. ROUTINES FOR LEARNING

This policy supports the Primary's learning ethos by ensuring they are ready to learn, remain focused so that they take an active part in their lessons. It supports our pupils to develop good social skills by encouraging them to actively engage with their friends and other activities through breaks, lunch and extracurricular activities.

5. REASONABLE ADJUSTMENTS

Exceptions may be made for substantial medical reasons and will be agreed, documented and reviewed. This must be agreed in advance.

6. BREACHES AND CONFISCATION

Mobile phones used or seen on the Primary site will be confiscated immediately and will require parent collection.

Repeated breaches, including refusal to cooperate with a staff request, will lead to further sanctions under the Behaviour Management Policy.

7. SEARCHING AND SAFEGUARDING

Authorised staff may search pupils in accordance with Primary policy. Safeguarding concerns will be managed in line with our policy.

8. COMMUNICATION AND REVIEW

The policy will be communicated to parents, pupils and staff. It will be reviewed annually by the governing body.