



# St Peter's School

## Mobile Phone Acceptable Use Agreement

This acceptable use agreement provides information for teachers, pupils, parents, carers and visitors regarding the appropriate use of mobile phones during school hours.

The reasons for the agreement are:

- to avoid pupils being distracted from their studies
- to reduce the potential risk of cyber bullying
- to minimise the risk of mobile phone misuse
- to limit the risk of damage to or theft of expensive electronic items
- to act as a safeguard for pupils, members of staff and the school

In recognition that some parents/carers wish their child to bring a mobile phone to school for safety and security reasons on the way to and from school, St Peter's Pupils in Year 5 and 6 are allowed to bring personal mobile devices/phones to school but must not use them for personal purposes during school hours. As a school we are in support for the Smartphone Free Childhood campaign, this means that children will **NOT be allowed** to bring smartphones to school (even to hand in to their teacher).

In line with the 'Smart-Phone Free Childhood' campaign, we will recommend as a school that parents do not give their children smartphones with access to social media under the age of 14. **If a smartphone is brought into school it will be kept in the office for a parent or carer to collect.**

There are a range of alternative phones, you can find out more about them here <https://www.smartphonefreechildhood.org/alternatives>

At all times the device must be switched off and handed into the class teacher for safe keeping. These are then returned at the end of the school day.

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- ✓ I will not bring a smartphone into school.
- ✓ I will make sure my phone is clearly identified by me.
- ✓ I will switch my phone off and hand it in to my class teacher on arrival.
- ✓ When my phone is returned to me at the end of the day I will store it safely until I have left the school premises.
- ✓ I will only turn my phone on once I have left the school premises.
- ✓ I understand St Peter's School accepts no liability for loss or damage to my mobile phone.
- ✓ I understand that if I am found with my mobile phone, during school time, including on the playground, the phones will be taken from me and stored in the school office. My parents will be contacted to collect my phone.
- ✓ I will not take any photographs, video or sound recordings whilst in school.



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If a pupil is found taking photographs or video footage with a mobile phone of either pupils or teachers, this will be regarded as a serious offence and the Headteacher will decide on appropriate disciplinary action. In certain circumstances, the pupil may be referred to the Police. If images of other pupils or teachers have been taken, the phone will not be returned to the pupil until the images have been removed by an appropriate person.

If a pupil needs to contact his/her parents/carer they will be allowed to use a school phone. If parents need to contact children urgently they should phone the school office and a message will be relayed promptly.

If you feel your child needs a smartphone for medical reasons, please speak to a member of staff and arrangements can be made.

I have read and understood the Mobile Phone Policy regarding pupils bringing mobile phones to school. I accept the conditions outlined and request permission for my child to bring a mobile phone to school. I have explained the rules to my child and will ensure they follow them.

Child's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Year: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship to Child: \_\_\_\_\_

Child's signature: \_\_\_\_\_

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