

**Bosmere Junior School**

**South Street**

**Havant**



*Growing Lifelong Learners*

# Mobile Phone Policy

Date:	June 2020
Review Date:	June 2023
Responsibility:	Deputy Headteacher
STATUTORY	No
Checked against Equality Policy	✓

Headteacher:	Date:
Chair of School Support	Date:

## Rationale:

Mobile phones are part of modern society and a large number of pupils will now own a mobile phone. We understand that for safety reasons some parents may want their child to carry a mobile phone in order to be able to contact a family member after school/before school. However, mobile phones can lead to several problems in school, for example bullying, disruption to lessons and inappropriate web usage. As a result the use of mobile phones during school hours is completely forbidden, and pupils found using a mobile phone during school hours will be dealt with in accordance with this policy. The decision to allow a child to bring a mobile phone to school rests with a parent.

## Purpose:

1. To clarify the school position on mobile phones.
2. To ensure that staff, pupils and parents are fully conversant with the policy and understand the reasons for the policy.
3. To support our behaviour management policy, which aims for outstanding behaviour and safety of pupils across the school.
4. To ensure that pupils welfare and safeguarding incidents associated with mobile phones are minimised.

## Guidelines for parent and pupils:

1. The school will not accept responsibility for loss, damage or theft of a mobile phone.
2. The decision to allow a child to bring a mobile phone to school rests with a parent. Parents and pupils must be aware that bringing a phone to school carries the risk of loss, damage or theft. For this reason the school would discourage parents to allow their children to bring phones to school.
3. Mobile phones must remain **switched off** during school hours and kept out of sight. This includes break and lunchtimes. Mobile phones are not allowed to be used on site – this is defined as ‘inside the school gates’ and includes the playground at the beginning and end of the day.
4. Any pupils seen using their mobile phone during school hours will have their phone confiscated. **Phones must not be seen or heard.**
5. This includes the use of ‘Smart’ or Apple watches – pupils are not allowed to wear these as they are extensions of mobile phones and will be treated as such.
6. Children must **never** use their mobile phones to take photographs of pupils or adults on the school site.
7. Confiscated phones will be taken to the school office, labelled with a pupil’s name and must be collected by a parent.
8. After confiscation parents will be allowed to collect their child’s phone at the end of the day.
9. Pupils who use their phone in school on more than one occasion will be referred to the Deputy Head teacher who will then consider strategies such as a pastoral meeting and a detention. Repeated confiscations or violations of the Mobile Phone Policy may result in a child being banned from bringing a mobile phone to school.
10. Pupils must not use their phone to listen to music if they are cycling or scooting to school. Pupils should also be mindful of traffic and dangerous situations if using their phone when walking to and from school.
11. Pupils will receive assemblies explaining the mobile phone policy and the policy will be placed on the school website for parents/carers to access.
12. When issues with mobile phones exist that involve a serious misuse of the phone, parents will be asked to meet with a member of staff to address this issue as soon as possible.
13. Where there is a potential safeguarding concern e.g. transmitting inappropriate images, cyber bullying; it may be necessary for one of the Designated Safeguarding Leads to contact Children Services and/or the Police.