



## **Billinghay CE Primary School**

### **Pupil Mobile Phone Policy**

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#### **Our School Rules regarding Mobile Phones**

Mobile Phones and other smart technology with similar functionality to mobile phones (for example the ability to send and/or receive notifications or messages via mobile phone networks or the ability to record audio and/ or video) are prohibited from being used during the school day on the school premises.

Only pupils in Y5 and Y6, who have permission from parents/carers to walk to school on their own, can bring a mobile phone to school. This would be to enable the pupil to contact their parent/carer when they arrive at school.

Pupils are not allowed to use their phones for any other purpose when on school property. On entry to school each pupil must hand in their device to their class teacher who will store them securely and return them to the pupil at the end of the school day. Pupils are not allowed to use their devices until they leave school premises.

School will not accept responsibility for loss or damage to a phone. Phones are brought into school and given to class teachers at the owner's responsibility.

#### **Negative Consequences**

If a pupil is found to have a phone on their person, including in their bag, and have not handed it in to their class teacher then sanctions outlined in the school behaviour policy apply. For the first time this happens, the pupil will be reminded of the school rule and the phone confiscated and given back at the end of the day. If this behaviour happens again, school will contact parents/carers, confiscate the phone for a period of time to be determined and the pupil will have negative consequences for this action in line with our behaviour policy. Any further breaches of the rule will be dealt with in accordance with the behaviour policy but could include a ban on the pupil bringing a phone to school.

Schools have the power to confiscate mobile phones or similar devices. The law protects staff from liability in any proceedings brought against them for any loss or damage to items they have confiscated as a sanction provided they acted lawfully.

Staff also have statutory power to search a pupil or their possessions where they will have reasonable grounds to suspect that the pupil is in possession of a prohibited item. Mobile Phones and similar devices are such items that can be searched for.

#### **Adaptions and Reasonable Adjustments**

Under the Equality Act 2010 school has a duty to take such steps as are reasonable to avoid substantial disadvantage to a disabled pupil caused by this policy. Reasonable adjustments to this policy would be considered for each individual case.

Schools also have a duty to have arrangements in place to support pupils with medical conditions. In some instances, supporting a pupil with their medical condition can involve the use of a mobile phone.

#### **Education Visits**

Pupils are not allowed to take mobiles or similar devices on educational visits including residential visits.