



Mobile Phone/Devices/Smart Watches Policy

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(Pupil-Friendly Summary)

1. Bringing Phones/Devices to School:

- You can bring a mobile phone, smart watch, or device if your parents/carers want you to have it for safety reasons on your way to and from school.
- However, the school isn't responsible if it gets lost or damaged.

2. During School Hours (9:00 am to 3:00 pm):

- Phones/devices must be turned off and handed to your teacher to be kept safe. You're not allowed to use them or show them during school hours.
- Smart watches without internet or cameras can be worn but only to tell the time—no other uses allowed.
- If you're caught using your device inappropriately, it will be taken to the office until the end of the school day. Your parent or carer might have to pick it up.

3. Recording and Photos:

- You're not allowed to use phones or watches to take photos, videos, or record audio while at school. This is to make sure everyone's privacy is respected.

4. In an Emergency:

- If you need help during the school day, you can use the phone in the school office.
- Your parents can also call the school office if they need to get an urgent message to you.

Linking to the UNCRC

This policy connects to several rights in the UNCRC:

- **Article 16 - Right to Privacy:** The policy protects everyone's right to privacy by not allowing photos or recordings without permission.
- **Article 3 - Best Interests of the Child:** By keeping phones safe and limiting their use, the school aims to make the school a secure and focused place to learn, which is in your best interests.
- **Article 36 - Protection from Exploitation:** Restricting the use of phones and cameras helps protect students from being exploited, as images or recordings could be shared without consent.

This policy is designed to keep everyone safe, respect privacy, and make school a comfortable place for learning.

The policy will be reviewed during session 2025 - 26.