



Dairsie Primary School – Mobile Phone Policy

"Our Future in the Making"

1. Purpose

At Dairsie Primary, our priority is to create a safe, calm and focused learning environment where all children can learn without distraction. Mobile phones can cause interruptions to learning, raise privacy concerns and create risks linked to online behaviour. This policy ensures a consistent, fair approach across the school and supports children to stay safe and ready to learn.

2. Expectations for Pupils

Pupils are not permitted to use a mobile phone during the school day.

- If a child **must** bring a mobile phone for safety before or after school, it **must be signed into the school office at the start of the day.**
- Phones will be **stored securely** and **signed out at the end of the school day.**
- **No phones should be kept in bags, pockets or classrooms** at any time.
- Mobile phones **must not be used on school grounds**, including during breakfast club, intervals, lunchtime or after-school clubs.

This applies to all devices capable of calling, messaging, recording or taking photographs/videos.

3. Safety & Responsibility

- The school **cannot take responsibility** for loss, theft or damage of phones brought into school.
- If a pupil needs to contact home, they will be supported to use the **school office phone.**
- If a child is found with a phone during the school day (including in their bag), the phone will be taken to the office and a parent/carer will be contacted.

4. Rationale

This policy supports:

- **Learning without distraction**
- **A safe and respectful environment** free from recording or social-media risk
- **Positive wellbeing** by minimising online conflicts that can affect readiness to learn
- **Equity**, ensuring all children experience the same expectations

The research summarised in the sample policy you provided highlights national concerns around children's digital wellbeing, online safety and the impact of smartphones on learning
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. We aim to prevent these issues from affecting our pupils.

5. Working in Partnership with Families

We recognise that families make individual decisions about mobile phone use. We ask for parental support in reinforcing this policy and ensuring any device sent to school is handed in to the office each morning. Together, we can help children develop healthy digital habits and keep school a safe, calm and engaging place to learn.