



St. Andrew's Primary School & Nursery Class



Mobile Phone Policy



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Aim

The Aim of this policy is to clarify the acceptable use of Mobile Phones in St. Aloysius' Primary School.

It is essential that learning and teaching are not disrupted by the use of Mobile Phones.

Objectives

The objectives of this policy are to:

- establish 'phone-free zones'
- establish 'phone-free times'
- acknowledge sensible use and specify inappropriate and unacceptable use.

Procedures

'Under normal circumstances, pupils should not bring Mobile Phones to school and the use of mobiles which involves bullying, the invasion of privacy or disruption to the work of the school is considered unacceptable.' (North Lanarkshire Council: General Circular 024-07)

Therefore, the following procedures should be followed:

- Phone Free Zones – all areas of the school should be considered 'phone-free zones'. This is for the safety of all pupils and to ensure learning and teaching are not disrupted
- Phone Free Times – all times during the school day should be considered 'phone-free times', ensuring no disruption to learning and teaching

Pupils not following these procedures will have their phones taken from them. The phone will be held at the school office and will be returned at the end of the school day.

In St. Andrew's Primary, we afford the parents the facility of allowing children, in an emergency situation, to bring a phone to school. The phone can be switched off and left at the school office at 9.00am and collected at 3.00pm.

However, any parent wishing to contact their child during the school day should do so by contacting the school office.

Disclaimer

St. Andrew's Primary and North Lanarkshire Council will not be responsible for the loss or damage of a mobile phone brought to school by a child.