



Grandtully Primary School Mobile Phone Policy (2025–2028)

1. Introduction

At Grandtully Primary School, we understand that mobile phones are part of everyday life. While they can be helpful, we want to make sure they don't distract from learning or affect wellbeing. This policy helps us keep our school safe, respectful, and focused.

2. Purpose

This policy is designed to:

- Encourage safe and respectful use of mobile phones.
- Reduce distractions during learning time.
- Support wellbeing and positive relationships.
- Follow guidance from Perth & Kinross Council and the Scottish Government.
- Reflect our school values: **SAFE, READY, RESPECTFUL**

3. Who the Policy Is For

This policy applies to all pupils, staff, parents/carers, and visitors at Grandtully Primary School.

4. Main Rules

- Pupils should not use mobile phones during the school day, including break and lunch.
- Phones brought to school must be switched off and stored safely.
- No texting, calling, taking photos, or using social media during school hours.
- Staff should model responsible phone use by keeping personal phones silent and out of sight during lessons unless these are being used as part of the lesson.

5. Special Circumstances

Phones may be used if:

- A pupil has a medical condition (e.g. diabetes monitoring).
- A pupil has additional support needs and uses a phone to help with learning.

- A phone is part of a reasonable adjustment (e.g. communication support).

These situations will be discussed with families and agreed with staff.

6. Safe and Respectful Use

- Pupils must not record or share photos/videos of others.
- Misuse of phones will be dealt with according to our Relationships & Behaviour Policy.
- Phones used inappropriately may be taken and returned to a parent/carer.
- Parents/carers should contact the school office if they need to reach their child.

7. Responsibilities

- Pupils are responsible for their own phones. The school is not liable for loss or damage.
- Families are encouraged to support safe and respectful digital habits.
- Staff will teach digital safety and support pupils in using technology responsibly.

8. Review

This policy will be reviewed in April 2027 and updated as needed.



Grandtully Primary School Mobile Phone Rules

Why do we have these rules?

We want everyone to feel safe, happy, and ready to learn. Mobile phones can be helpful, but they can also be distracting or upsetting if not used properly. All of the below also applies to devices like smart watches or handheld computers.

What are the rules?

- **No phones during the school day.**
If you bring a phone, it must be turned off and kept in your bag or a safe place.
- **No texting, calling, or taking photos at school.**
Phones should not be used at break, lunch, or in class.
- **If you need your phone for a good reason, like:**
 - A health condition (e.g. diabetes),
 - You use your phone to help you learn,

...then talk to your teacher or a trusted adult. We'll make a plan with you and your family.

- **If you use your phone in the wrong way,** it might be taken away and given back at the end of the day or to your parent/carer.
- **If your family needs to contact you,** they should call the school office—not your phone.

Remember:

- You are responsible for your phone.
- Be kind and respectful online and offline.
- Phones are for safety—not for playtime at school.