

# **Luncarty Primary School**

## **Mobile Phone Policy**

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To be reviewed annually

## Introduction

Parents provide their children with a mobile phone for a variety of reasons including personal safety. It is the right of a pupil to bring a personal mobile phone to school with the clear understanding that the individual pupil is responsible for its care and usage. The majority of young people use mobile phone appropriately and abide by existing rules

## Guidelines

**Our mobile phone policy is based on the following guidelines;**

- On entering the school pupils must ensure that their phone is switched off and placed in their school bag or handed into the school office for safe keeping until the end of the school day.
- If an **emergency** arises then school staff will always contact parents / carers or emergency contacts. Children will never be asked to make **emergency calls** themselves whilst in school.
- Harassment or bullying of pupils and staff through use of mobile phones, including text messages and phone e-mails is unacceptable and anyone found doing so will have their phone confiscated by staff.
- Using a mobile phone to take photographs or video clips of other pupils or staff is not permitted on school premises.
- Pupils should not download unsuitable material to their phones on school premises.

Staff will confiscate the mobile phone of any pupil who fails to follow the above guidelines. A log will be kept in school should this action be deemed necessary and phones will be returned to pupils at the end of the day, following a note sent home or a phone call made to the parent/ carer regarding the incident.

Persistent breach of school policy will result in the pupil not being allowed to carry a phone on school premises. Parents/ carers will be consulted before this action is deemed necessary

In the event of serious misuse, the school will seek advice from the police.

**We hope that children will take responsibility for the use of their mobiles and respect others including the school rules regarding mobile phones.**  
**Thank You.**