

Mobile Phone Policy

Use of Mobile Phones in school

Holy Trinity Rosehill Primary School is committed to safeguarding and promoting the wellbeing of children and young people.

This policy will be monitored, reviewed and amended as required by the Head Teacher and Governors. It should be read along with the policies listed below:

_ Health and Safety
_ Child Protection

_ Anti-bullying
_ Internet Acceptable Use

Use of mobile phones (particularly with the advent of increasingly sophisticated equipment and camera phones) presents a number of problems, including:

1. Mobile phones can be valuable items and might render a pupil vulnerable to theft;
2. Mobile phones (and their cost and level of sophistication - or otherwise) can make pupils objects of envy or disparagement and could have implications with regard to discipline and potential bullying;
3. Even when apparently silent, the use of mobiles phones for texting purposes could be potentially undermining of classroom discipline and distract the pupils' learning.
4. Use of the newer phones with integrated cameras could lead to child protection and data protection issues with regard to inappropriate capture, use or distribution of images.

Policy on the use and possession of mobile phones by pupils

1. It is the policy of this school therefore, that mobile phones must not be brought into school, under any circumstances.
2. Where a pupil is found by a member of staff to be in unauthorised possession of a mobile phone, as stated above, the phone will be confiscated from the pupil and returned only to the parent, guardian or carer. The school will treat breaches as they would treat any other breach of school rules and discipline accordingly.

The school will accept no liability or responsibility whatsoever for any mobile phones brought on to the school premises at any time.

Should Parents/Carers need to contact pupils in an emergency, or vice versa, this should be done following the usual school procedures: via the school office, tel. no. 01642 581239.