

ST. DUNSTAN'S SCHOOL
MOBILE PHONE HOME-SCHOOL AGREEMENT

In normal circumstances, and at all times in years Reception to Year 5, our school policy is that pupils may not bring mobile phones to school. Ongoing and recent technological advances have enabled mobile phones and other hand-held electronic devices to become multi-functional and far more sophisticated. Nearly all phones now have the facility to take photos and/or video and allow access to the internet.

We do appreciate however, that for some children in year 6 *who walk or cycle to or from school unaccompanied*, that parents may wish their child to have a mobile phone with them for their journey home. In this circumstance only, we will allow a child to bring a mobile phone to school under the conditions listed below. **Mobile phones may not be brought by any child on residential visits, school trips or to school functions (e.g. school discos).**

1. The phone **must not** be turned on within the school grounds **at any time whatsoever.**
2. The phone must be given directly to the class teacher on arrival in a named, zipped purse/case or cover. Under no circumstances may phones be kept in school bags.
3. Parents accept that the school will not be held responsible for loss or damage to the mobile phone whilst it is on school premises. We advise that valuable phones are not sent to school and that basic mobile phones are used.
4. Your child takes responsibility for collecting the phone at 3.20pm and does not turn the phone on until they have left the school premises. The phone must remain in its case or cover until it has been taken off school grounds.
5. St. Dunstan's School takes a very serious view in terms of procedures to keep all children safe online. Parents must accept that if their child is found to have behaved inappropriately (as deemed by the school) with their phone either on or off school grounds, (ie accessing inappropriate material online, inappropriate use of social media or cyberbullying other children) that their child will not be able to bring a mobile phone to school.
6. No child may bring a mobile phone on to school premises unless the school's mobile phone agreement has been understood and signed by them and their parent.

Please consider whether it is absolutely essential that your child brings a mobile phone to school.

Agreement by Parent:

1. I will ensure my child understands that their mobile phone **must not** be turned on within the school grounds **at any time whatsoever** and that if they break this rule the phone will be confiscated for two weeks, kept in the school office, and once returned, may not be brought back to school. It may not be brought on school trips, residential visits or to school functions.
2. I will ensure my child understands that the phone is given directly to the class teacher on arrival in a named, zipped purse/case or cover. **I understand that the mobile phone may not be kept in my child's school bag during the school day.** I understand that if my child does not hand their mobile phone in to the teacher that it will be confiscated for two weeks.
3. I accept responsibility for the mobile phone whilst my child has brought it onto school premises. I understand that the school does not accept liability for loss or damage to the phone.
4. I understand that my child has the responsibility of collecting the phone from the teacher at 3pm and that the phone will remain in its named case or cover until my child has left the school premises (ie the external gate to Onslow Crescent)
5. I understand that mobile phones provide easy access to the internet which, whilst full of fantastic opportunities, can also be a very risky place. **I will ensure that I have enabled parental controls on my child's phone before the phone is brought to school** and I will talk to my child about how to stay safe online and how to behave online.

Signed by parent: _____

Name of parent: _____ Date: _____

(Signing of the agreement constitutes a full understanding of the expectations, with no further warnings to be issued.)

Agreement by Pupil:

1. I understand that **I may not turn my mobile phone on when I am on school grounds at any time.**
2. I understand that **the phone must remain in its named case or cover at all times on school grounds.**
3. I will ensure I pass the phone directly to my teacher as soon as I arrive in class (in its named purse/case/cover) and that I will collect it at 3.00pm.
4. I will not turn my phone on until I have left the school gates and it will remain in its case or cover for the duration of its time on school grounds.
5. I understand that I will not be able to bring a phone to school again if I turn it on at school or I leave it in my school bag. If I do so, my phone will be confiscated for two weeks.

Signed by pupil: _____

Name of pupil: _____ Date: _____

A COPY OF THIS SIGNED FORM WILL BE RETURNED TO THE PARENT.