



Kings Avenue Primary School Mobile Phone Policy For Pupils

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1. Introduction and aims

At Kings Avenue School we recognise that mobile phones, are an important part of everyday life for our pupils, parents and staff, as well as the wider school community.

Our policy aims to:

- Promote, and set an example for, safe and responsible phone use
- Set clear guidelines for the use of mobile phones for pupils, parents and volunteers
- Support the school's other policies, especially those related to child protection and behaviour

2. Use of mobile phones by pupils

While we fully acknowledge a parent's right to allow their child to bring a **basic mobile phone (with no wifi or camera facility)** to school if they walk to and from school without adult supervision, Kings Avenue Primary does not permit pupils bringing mobile phones in year groups below Year 5 & 6.

When a child needs to bring a phone into school the phone must be left at the school office at the start of the day (from 8.45 a.m.) and collected at the end of the day. Phones should be clearly marked so that each pupil knows their own phone. Parents are advised that Kings Avenue Primary accepts no liability for the loss or damage to mobile phones which are brought into school or on to the school grounds.

Where a pupil is found by a member of staff to be using a mobile phone, the phone will be confiscated from the pupil, handed to a member of the Senior Leadership Team. The pupil may collect the phone at the end of the school day. Parents will be informed of inappropriate use and pupils will be reminded of the school policy and practice. If this practice continues, then the school will confiscate the phone until an appropriate adult collects the phone from a Senior Leader.

Pupils are not permitted to use their phones whilst on the school site and, will receive a consequence in line with the school's behaviour policy.

Should a pupil be found to be using their phone inappropriately, the school reserves the right to withdraw this privilege and they will no longer be able to bring a phone into school.

Should parents need to contact pupils or vice versa during the school day, this should be done via the usual school procedure of contacting the school office via phone or email.

Certain types of conduct, bullying or harassment can be classified as criminal conduct. The school takes such conduct extremely seriously, and will involve the police or other agencies as appropriate.

Such conduct includes, but is not limited to:

- Sexting (consensual and non-consensual sharing nude or semi-nude images or videos)
- Upskirting
- Threats of violence or assault
- Abusive calls, emails, social media posts or texts directed at someone on the basis of someone's ethnicity, religious beliefs or sexual orientation

3. Use of mobile phones by parents, volunteers and visitors

Parents, visitors and volunteers are not permitted to use their mobile phones in the presence of pupils anywhere within the school building. Visiting adults are not permitted to use their mobile phones or any other electronic device to photograph pupils or make video recordings anywhere on the school site or when accompanying pupils on off-site visits or at sporting fixtures.

Parents are permitted to take photos and videos at Class Assemblies, plays and sports days but they are reminded that they are the data controller for such imagery and this should only be recorded for their own personal use and should not be shared on any form of social media.

Parents or volunteers supervising school trips or residential visits must not:

- Use their phone to make contact with other parents
- Take photos or recordings of pupils, their work, or anything else which could identify a pupil

4. Loss, theft or damage

Pupils bringing phones to school must ensure that phones are appropriately labelled, and are stored securely when handing them to the class teacher at the start of the day.

Pupils must secure their phones as much as possible, including using passwords or pin codes to protect access to the phone's functions.

The school accepts no responsibility for mobile phones that are lost, damaged or stolen on school premises or transport, during school visits or trips, or while pupils are travelling to and from school.

Confiscated phones will be stored in the school office in the school safe.

5. Appendix 1: Permission form allowing a pupil to bring their phone to school

PUPIL DETAILS	
Pupil name:	
Year group/class:	
Parent(s) name(s):	

The school has agreed to allow your child to bring [his/her] basic mobile phone (no wifi or camera facility) to school because [he/she]:

Tick as appropriate:

- Travels to and from school alone
- Is a young carer

Pupils who bring a mobile phone to school must abide by the school's policy on the use of mobile phones. The school reserves the right to revoke permission if pupils don't abide by the policy.

Year 5 and 6 pupils are permitted to bring a **basic** mobile phone with **no wifi or camera** facility to school.

Parent signature: _____

Pupil signature (where appropriate): _____

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Authorised by:	
Date:	