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Pupil Mobile Phone Policy 2019/20

At Victoria Road Primary School, the welfare and well being of our pupils is paramount. This document has been drawn up to provide clear guidance on the use of mobile phones in school.

We fully acknowledge a parent/carer's rights to allow a child to bring a mobile phone to school **if they walk to and from school without adult supervision**. When a child needs to bring a phone into school, a permission slip must be signed by parent/ carer and the phone left in the school office at the start of the day and collected by the child at the end of the day. Phones should be clearly marked so that each pupil knows their own phone.

Parents/carers are advised that Victoria Road Primary School accepts no liability for the loss or damage to mobile phones which are bought into school or school grounds.

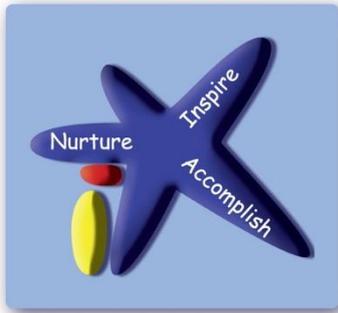
If a pupil is found to be using a mobile phone on site, the phone will be confiscated and handed into the office, who will record the name of the pupil and attach it to the phone. The pupil may collect the phone at the end of the school day along with a letter requesting a permission slip be returned the next day.

We recognise that mobile phones are part of everyday life for many children and that they can play an important role in helping pupils to feel safe and secure. However we also recognise that they can prove a distraction in school, therefore pupils are not permitted to have mobile phones in school for personal use or on trips.

If a pupil is found taking photographs or video footage with a mobile device of either pupils or teachers, this will be regarded as a serious offence and consequences delivered according to the school behaviour policy. If images of other pupils or teachers have been taken, the phone will not be returned to the pupil until the images have been removed by the pupil in the presence of a senior teacher. 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.

We ask that parents/carers talk to their children about the appropriate use of mobile phones. Should parents/ carers 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 by phone or email.





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Mobile Phone Parental Consent Form

Dear Parent/ Carer,

In accordance with our mobile phone guidance, if your child must bring in a mobile phone to school, please could you sign the form below to give your permission for your child to do this and remind them of the school policy.

The phone must be handed in, switched off, to the office first thing in the morning and collected from them by the child at home time.

The school bears no responsibility for the loss or damage to a mobile phone.

Your child's phone should be appropriately marked so that they can recognise it. Should your child be found using their phone inappropriately, the school reserves the right to withdraw this privilege and they will no longer be able to bring their phone into school.

Thank you

Yours sincerely,

Cathy Lord
Headteacher

MOBILE PHONE PARENTAL CONSENT

I/we give permission for our child..... in Yr..... to bring their mobile phone into school.

We have read the policy and understood its implications.

Signed Date

Please return permission slip to the school office

