

St. Mary & St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic Primary School



Mobile Phone Policy



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Mobile Phone/Camera/Photographic Hardware / Cellular Policy

Introduction

At St Mary and St Thomas Aquinas Primary School the welfare and well-being of our pupils is paramount. This policy on the use of mobile phones/Smart watches in school has been drawn up in the best interests of pupil safety and staff professionalism and at the discretion of the Headteacher.

Use of mobile phones/Smart watches

Pupils:

- Pupils are not permitted to have mobile phones/Smart watches at school or on school visits.
- If in the event of a parent wishing for his/her child to bring a mobile phone to school to contact the parent after school, the phone must be handed in to the school office. The child can pick the phone up at the end of the school day. (The phone is left at the owner's own risk).
- If a child is caught using a mobile phone/Smart watch in school, it will be confiscated and kept in the office until the end of the school day. The parent will be informed as to why it has been taken away from the child.

Parents & other visitors to school:

- We kindly request that parents and visitors do not use mobile phones within the school building.
- Mobile phones should only be used to take photographs of children in the school building, grounds or on educational visits at the expressed consent of the Headteacher.
- All parents, helpers and visitors will be requested to turn their mobile phones to silent on entering the building.

Cameras/Phones

- Permission to take photographs at school performances, assemblies etc. must be granted by the Head Teacher. Permission will not be given for photographs to be placed on any social networking or internet sites.
- Parents will be requested to sign a declaration confirming that they won't post anything which is derogatory to members of staff, parents, pupils or to the reputation of the school on social networking and internet sites.

- Photographs taken at school events should not be posted on social networking or internet sites if they include children of other parents or staff without the expressed consent of the headteacher.

We very much appreciate your support in implementing this policy in order to keep your children / our pupils safe.

Thank you.

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MOBILE PHONE/SMART WATCH PARENTAL CONSENT FORM

I/we give permission for our child (name)..... to bring their mobile phone / Smart watch into school. My child requires their phone because:

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We have read the schools policy and understand its implications. We understand that my child's mobile phone/Smart watch must be handed in to the school office every morning and that the school can take no responsibility for loss or damage to this equipment whilst on premises.

Signed:.....(Parent)

Date:.....

Please return this consent slip to the school office.

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