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Outwoods Edge Primary School Mobile Phone Policy



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1. Policy Statement

Outwoods Edge Primary School is committed to providing a safe, focused and positive learning environment for all pupils. In line with the Bradgate Education Partnership's commitment to maintaining mobile phone-free schools, pupils' use of mobile phones during the school day is not permitted. This policy supports learning, wellbeing, safeguarding and positive social interaction.

2. Rationale

Research demonstrates that excessive smartphone use can negatively impact children's concentration, wellbeing, sleep and social development. By maintaining a phone-free environment, Outwoods Edge Primary School aims to minimise distractions, maximise learning opportunities and support healthy relationships amongst pupils.

3. Scope

This policy applies to all pupils attending Outwoods Edge Primary School during the school day, including before school, lessons, breaktimes, lunchtimes, educational visits and extracurricular activities.

4. Mobile Phones in Primary School

At Outwoods Edge Primary School, mobile phones are only permitted for:

- Pupils in Year 6 who travel to and from school independently.
- Pupils in other year groups where parents/carers have provided consent for their child to walk home independently and permission has been agreed by the school.

Pupils who do not meet these criteria should not bring a mobile phone to school.

5. Expectations for Pupils

Where a pupil is permitted to bring a mobile phone to school:

- The phone must be switched off before entering the school grounds.
- On arrival at school, the pupil must hand their phone directly to their class teacher.
- The class teacher will place the phone in a secure storage box located within a locked cupboard.
- Phones will remain securely stored throughout the school day.
- The phone will be returned to the pupil by the class teacher at the end of the school day.

At no point during the school day should a pupil have access to their mobile phone unless authorised by a member of the Senior Leadership Team due to exceptional circumstances.

6. Communication with Parents and Carers

Should parents/carers need to contact their child during the school day, they must do so through the school office.

Similarly, if a pupil needs to contact a parent/carer, this will be facilitated by school staff using school communication systems.

7. Prohibited Use

The following are not permitted on school premises unless authorised by the Headteacher:

- Use of mobile phones during the school day.
- Taking photographs, videos or audio recordings.
- Sending or receiving calls, messages or online communications.
- Smart devices that are capable of making calls, sending messages, accessing the internet or taking photographs.

8. Procedures for Non-Compliance

Failure to follow this policy will result in the following actions:

Failure to Hand in a Mobile Phone

If a pupil who is permitted to bring a phone to school fails to hand it to their class teacher upon arrival:

- The phone will be confiscated if discovered during the school day.
- Parents/carers will be informed.
- A discussion will take place with parents/carers regarding the school's expectations.
- The pupil may lose the privilege of bringing a mobile phone onto the school site.

Repeated Breaches

Where a pupil repeatedly fails to follow the policy:

- Parents/carers will be invited to meet with school leaders.
- Individual arrangements may be reviewed.
- Permission for the pupil to bring a mobile phone to school may be withdrawn.

Serious Misuse

Serious misuse of a mobile phone, including the taking or sharing of images, videos or inappropriate content, will be managed in accordance with the school's Behaviour Policy and Safeguarding Procedures.

9. Parent and Carer Responsibilities

Parents and carers are expected to:

- Support the school's mobile phone expectations.

- Ensure that mobile phones are only brought to school where necessary and permitted.
- Avoid contacting children directly during the school day.
- Promote safe and responsible use of technology at home.

10. Staff Responsibilities

Staff will:

- Enforce this policy consistently and fairly.
- Ensure mobile phones handed in are stored securely.
- Return devices to pupils at the end of the school day.
- Report any concerns regarding misuse of devices to school leaders.
- Follow safeguarding procedures where concerns arise.

11. Review of Policy

This policy will be reviewed annually by the Headteacher and Local Advisory Board, or sooner if national guidance or school circumstances change.