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## St. Peter's C.E. Primary School CHILDREN'S USE OF MOBILE PHONES, DEVICES AND SMART WATCHES POLICY

### *'Let Your Light Shine'* *Matthew 5:16*

At St Peter's we believe that our children can **shine** as we strive for every member of our family to succeed and flourish through our values centred curriculum; to enable our children to grow in confidence with God's **love**, to **challenge** each other and ourselves and be **inspired** to love God and learning, as disciples of Jesus Christ.



#### Vision and Purpose

At St Peter's we seek to realise the potential of each individual in a supportive and caring environment. We aim to provide a broad and balanced curriculum, Christian commitment and sensitivity, and in partnership with the family and community, encourage all positive aspects of education and social development. Together we strive for high academic standards and to provide a wide variety of experiences to promote interests, life skills, confidence, and responsibility now and for later years.



#### Vision and Values

At St Peter's we are committed to ensuring that children receive rich, deep learning experiences that balance all the aspects of computing. With technology playing such a significant role in society today; we believe "Computational Thinking" is a skill, children must be taught to enable them to participate effectively and safely in this digital world. A high-quality computing education equips pupils to use creativity to understand and change the world. Computing has deep links with mathematics, science, and design and technology, and provides insights into both natural and artificial systems. At St Peter's, the core of computing is Computer Science in which pupils are introduced to a wide range of technology, including laptops, iPads and interactive whiteboards, allowing them to continually practice and improve the skills they learn. This ensures they become digitally literate so that they are able to express themselves and develop their ideas through information and computer technology– at a level suitable for the future workplace and as active participants in a digital world.



At St Peter's C.E Primary School, children in Year 5 and 6 are permitted to bring a mobile phone to school, where parents/carers are in agreement, where possession of a mobile phone would be of significant and demonstrate benefit to the child.

Children in classes from Reception- Year 4 are not permitted to bring a mobile phone to school.

Mobile phones, where brought into school, will be the sole responsibility of the child concerned and the school will accept no responsibility for any subsequent damage or loss.

Mobile phones must be switched off and handed into the office on entry to school and will not be allowed to be used during the school day. At the end of the day, mobile phones will be returned to children however it will be requested that they do not turn them on until they have left the school site.

Any child found to be inappropriately using a mobile phone will have their device confiscated and kept in the school office until appropriate arrangements can be made for the collection of device by parent/carer. The child will not be able to bring any mobile device into school from this point and parents or carers will be informed by SLT.

Smart Watches are not permitted to be worn in any class. A Smart Watch is defined as a small smartphone like device worn on the wrist, many are connected to a smartphone that notifies the user of incoming calls, e-mail messages, and notifications from applications and can be used as a pedometer. Some smartwatches can even make telephone calls. Smart Watches can even take photographs and record videos. Smart Watches that are solely used as a pedometer are still not permitted.

Any child found wearing a Smart Watch will have their device confiscated and kept in the school office until suitable collection arrangements can be made by a parent/carer.

Under no circumstances should a mobile phone be used by children to record still or video images, or to record audio whilst on the school premises

St Peter's C.E Primary school are not responsible for the use of children's mobile phones or any communications outside of the school premises. This includes the use of social media including but not inclusive of; Facebook, TikTok, FaceTime, Snapchat, Instagram, WhatsApp and YouTube.

Parents/Carers who need to contact their child in the case of an emergency should always do so by phoning the school office.

This policy must be read in conjunction with:

- Online Safety Policy
- Behaviour Policy.

## Update to Policy Record Sheet

Date	Reference / aspect of policy to update	Suggested amendments to consider at next review.