



School Mobile Phone Contract

Sept 2023

Bridlewood Primary School recognises that on some occasions it may be helpful for a pupil to bring a mobile phone into school, for instance, if they walk to school unaccompanied or they are being collected by a different carer. We believe that pupil use of a mobile phone during the school day can be disruptive and this agreement outlines how pupil phones will be managed within our school.

Our Pupil Mobile Phone Rules

- All pupils bringing a phone into school must have a good reason for doing so, and must have returned this agreement.
- The school will help children to learn about staying safe online, but recognises that the primary responsibility for online safety at home lies with parents/carers. The school will seek to work with families to help them to encourage children to adopt safe use of mobile technology.
- Children not following these rules will not be allowed to bring a phone into school. Any phone brought in without permission will be confiscated and only returned to a parent or carer.
- Children should be reminded not to take photographs or videos of people without asking permission and never to take them on the way into or out of school. This is because some children are not allowed to have their picture taken.
- All phones should be turned off at the school gate before handing into the class teacher.
- The school cannot accept responsibility for damage or loss of a mobile phone brought into school.
- We currently advise that the use of Smart watches is not appropriate in school due to risks of loss and damage. Smart watches that are capable of generating a 4G signal or have a camera will not be permitted in school for safeguarding reasons.

Parents may want to look at the advice on www.internetmatters.org which explains how to add some parental controls to the phone and gives advice on how to keep children safe. Please sign and return the agreement attached.

Yours sincerely

Mrs v Sammon



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- Phones must only be switched on again outside the school gate.

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Name of Child: _____

Reason for needing a mobile phone in school

Parent/Carer: I confirm that I have explained the school rules regarding mobile phones to my child and confirm that they may take a mobile phone into school on that basis.

Parent/Carer signature: _____ **Date:** _____

Pupil: I will follow the school mobile phone rules.

Pupil signature: _____ **Date:** _____

Please feel free to contact the school if you have any questions regarding online safety.