



PUPIL MOBILE PHONE POLICY

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Policy Statement

Mobile phones have recently become a common possession and are increasingly complex and sophisticated. Many people view them as an essential part of modern life.

There are, however, many issues that relate to mobile phone use, or indeed possession, in school:

- Potential peer on peer abuse situations which may result in a pupil being excluded - this includes incidents outside of school.
- Unwanted and uncontrolled photographs and video footage which may result in a pupil being excluded - this also includes 'Upskirting' which is now a criminal offence.
- Disturbance of lessons and loss of concentration in class.
- Worry at responsibility for an expensive item.
- Potential for theft.
- Now that mobile phones can connect to the internet, all the hazards involving online issues such as bullying, including peer on peer abuse, grooming, and personal security.
- Microwave radiation.
- Personal conversations being overheard.

We also accept that:

- Parents/carers give their children mobile phones to protect them from everyday risks involving personal security and safety.
- There is increasing concern about children travelling alone on public transport or walking to/from school.
- Providing a child with a mobile phone gives parents reassurance that they can contact their child if they need to speak to them urgently before or after school.

Procedure

- Except in emergency situations, no mobile phones are to be used by children on the school premises. This includes in the playground at the start and end of the school day.
- Children must hand their mobile phone into their form tutor during morning registration.
- If a child is found with a phone on them during the school day, it will be confiscated and held in the school office. It can **ONLY** be collected by the pupil's parents/carers at the end of the school day.
- Any pupils found with a mobile phone on their persons will receive a proportionate sanction.

Students and their parents/carers must read and understand this policy. Potton Federation takes no responsibility for loss or damage to any pupil's mobile phone or electronic device.