



Pupil Mobile Phone and Electronic Devices Policy

Philosophy

We at Brereton C of E Primary School recognise that some students will occasionally need to bring their mobile phones or electronic devices into school. We recognise that they play an important role in helping pupils to feel safe and secure. We operate a responsible use policy so that learning is not interrupted by the inappropriate use of a mobile phone or electronic device by a pupil. We recognise that technology is an integral part of the world in which our young people live but schools and parents have a duty to educate them in the responsible use of such technology both in school and in everyday life.

Aims

At Brereton C of E Primary School we aim to:

- Keep our pupils safe.
- Teach pupils about the responsible use of mobile phones and electronic devices.

Practice

We promote a code of conduct with pupils who respect the use of mobile phones and electronic devices as appropriate. All practitioners should:

- Understand what constitutes misuse.
- Know how to minimise risk.
- Are responsible for self-moderation of their own behaviours.
- Are aware of the importance of reporting concerns promptly.

Mobile phones/electronic devices can prove a distraction in school and can provide a means of bullying or intimidating others. Therefore:

- Pupils are not permitted to have mobile phones at school or on trips.
- If in the rare event a parents wishes for his/her child to bring a mobile to school the child must ensure that their phone is handed in, switched off, to the office first thing in the morning and then collected by the child at the end of the day.
- Mobile phones brought in to school without permission will be confiscated and returned at the end of the day.
- Before and after school, on the school site, and travelling to and from school, we do not expect pupils to take photographs and publish images of other children without permission. Permission must be sought from the child's parent, not just the child for the publication of any images.

Inappropriate use:

- Generally a mobile phone will be used inappropriately if it:
- Disrupts or is likely to disrupt the learning environment or interfere with the operation of the school
- Threatens or is likely to threaten the safety or well-being of any person
- Is in breach of any law.

Inappropriate use of mobile phones will include pupils using them to bully, intimidate or otherwise harass other people through any SMS or text message, photographic, video or other data transfer system available on the phone. This type of misuse will be dealt with under the Behaviour and Anti Bullying Policy.

Adult use of mobile phones/electronic devices is covered in the Code of Conduct and Visitors Code of Conduct.