Weldon C.E. Primary School

Policy on Pupil use of Mobile Phones in School

GOVERNORS APPROVED

Chair of Governors: Judith Spear

Weldon C.E. Primary School is a happy, caring place where everyone is valued and every child is encouraged to achieve their very best within a Christian Environment

School Mission Statement

Weldon C.E. Primary School is committed to safeguarding and promoting the wellbeing of children and young people and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment.

This policy will be monitored, reviewed and amended as required by the Headteacher and Governors. It should be read along with the policies listed below:

- Health and Safety
- Anti-bullying
- Child Protection
- Internet Acceptable Use

Mobile phones are a prominent feature of modern society, therefore Pupils in Years 4, 5 and 6 are permitted, only in agreed circumstances, to bring mobile phones to school. When permission has been sought from the Head of School, children may bring a mobile phone into school under the following strict conditions:

- The child **regularly** walks home on their own.
- A letter of permission is signed by the parent and given personally to the Head of School.

- The phone is switched off and handed to the school office to be kept securely each day.
- The school accepts no liability for the loss/damage of any personal equipment whilst on school premises.
- The camera on the phone is never used by a child to take photographs or video of another child which is then published on the internet (especially a Social Networking site)
- The phone is clearly named
- The phone is signed in and out of the office by the pupil and checked to ensure that it is the correct phone

Should Parents/Carers/Guardians need to contact pupils in an emergency, or vice versa, this should be done following the usual school procedures: via the school office, tel. no. 01536 265288 or email office@weldon.pdet.org.uk

Where a pupil is found by a member of staff to be using, or in the possession of a mobile phone, the phone will be taken from the child and returned only to the Parent, Carer or Guardian.

The right to bring mobile phones onto school premises will be revoked if a pupil fails to adhere to school policy.

If a pupil is found taking photographs or video footage with a mobile phone of either other pupils or teachers, this will be regarded as a serious offence and disciplinary action will be taken according to the school's Behaviour and Anti-Bullying policies.

If images of other pupils or teachers have been taken, the phone will not be returned to the pupil until the images have been removed by the pupil in the presence of a Teacher and Parent, Guardian or Carer.

The child's Parents, Guardian or Carer will be contacted and asked to discuss the matter with the Head teacher.

Educational Visits

In addition, mobile phones/recording equipment are not used by pupils during educational visits. This includes phone calls/texts to Parents/Carers/Guardians. No child will be allowed to take a mobile phone on a Residential Visit. In the event that a pupil needs to contact home, this will be arranged through the lead teacher on the visit via the school office.

Weldon C.E. Primary School Mobile Phone Usage

I have read the Weldon C. E. Primary School Mobile Phone policy.

I agree to follow the rules outlined in this policy. I understand that if I violate these rules, then my phone may be confiscated and further sanctions may follow.

Mobile phone number……..

Pupil Name……

Pupil Signature……

As the Parent/Carer or Legal Guardian of the above signed pupil, I have read the Weldon C. of E. Primary School Mobile Phone policy and give permission for my son/daughter to bring his/her phone into school. I understand
that sanctions may be applied to my child including having his/her phone confiscated should improper use occur.

Parent/Carer/Guardian/ Name……

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Parent/Carer/Guardian/Signature……

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Date of signatures:……..