



CAVERSHAM PARK PRIMARY SCHOOL

Mobile Phones in School Policy

Introduction

This Mobile Phones in School Guidance Policy applies to all pupils at Caversham Park Primary School. It should be read in conjunction with the school's Behaviour Policy, Safeguarding (including Child Protection) Policy, Anti-Bullying Policy, Online Safety Policy and relevant Department for Education (DfE) guidance: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/mobile-phones-in-schools/mobile-phones-in-schools> and <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/behaviour-in-schools--2>

As a primary school, we recognise that children are still developing their understanding of responsibility, self-regulation and online safety. This policy therefore places a strong emphasis on safeguarding, clear routines, adult supervision and partnership with parents/carers.

Rationale

At Caversham Park Primary School, our priority is to provide a calm, safe and nurturing environment where children feel secure, valued and ready to learn. Mobile phones and smart devices can distract from learning and play, and can create safeguarding risks, particularly for younger children. Caversham Park Primary School is therefore a mobile-free environment for children.

Policy Aims

At Caversham Park Primary School our Mobile Phones in School Policy aims are to:

- Safeguard children from potential harm linked to mobile phone use.
- Promote focus, social interaction and engagement in learning and play.
- Prevent cyberbullying and misuse of images.
- Provide clear expectations for pupils, staff and parents/carers.

Definition of Mobile Phones and Smart Devices

The definition of mobile phones and smart devices includes mobile phones, smartphones, smartwatches with communication or recording functions, and any personal device capable of internet access, messaging, photography or video recording.

Smartwatches

Smartwatches with communication or recording functions are not permitted. Watches that only tell the time may be worn.

General Expectations for the use of Mobile Phones

Pupils should not routinely bring mobile phones to school. In limited circumstances, Year 5 and 6 children who travel to and from school independently, through agreement with parents / carers and the school, may bring a

phone with written parental permission. These mobile phones must be switched off and handed to a member of the classroom staff for secure storage throughout the school day. Pupils must not use phones once on the school premises. Any device brought into school is at the parent/carer's own risk.

Exceptions

In accordance with *Mobile Phones in Schools (DfE January 2026)*, we will not disadvantage to any child with specific needs, who may require access to their mobile phone or a smart device during the school day, as outlined in a SEND provision plan, an Educational Health Care Plan (EHCP) or a medical care plan. For example, a child with a particular health or medical need might use a specific application linked to a mobile device as a monitoring device.

Such access by these children to mobile devices, as well as being in direct written agreement with the parents / carers, will be closely monitored by a member of staff.

Misuse and Consequences

Repeated misuse will be addressed in line with the Behaviour Policy.

Safeguarding

Any concerns involving mobile phones will be managed in line with the school's safeguarding and online safety policies and procedures.

The Role of Staff

In accordance with this policy and *Mobile Phones in Schools (DfE January 2026)* all staff should consistently enforce the school's policy on the use of mobile phones and smart devices. Staff should not use their mobile phone or any other mobile device for personal reasons in front of the children throughout the school day.

The Role of Parents / Carers

Parents / carers have an important role in supporting the school's policy on prohibiting the use of mobile phones on the school premises.

The Role and Responsibility of the Governing Body

The Governing Body is responsible for ensuring that appropriate filtering and monitoring systems are in place and regularly reviewed, in line with *Keeping Children Safe in Education (DfE September 2025)*, to prevent access to harmful or inappropriate content.

Review

This policy is reviewed annually by the Governing Body. It may, however, be reviewed if the government introduces new regulations, or if recommendations are received on how the policy might be improved.

Policy Date	Review Date
February 2026	September 2026

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Mobile Phone Agreement Form

Purpose

We recognise that some Year 5 / 6 parents / carers wish their children to carry a mobile phone for safety reasons, if they are travelling to and from school independently. However, in line with the [Department for Education's mobile phone guidance](#), Caversham Park Primary School is a phone-free environment to ensure student focus and safety.

Terms and Conditions

By signing this agreement, the Pupil and Parent/Carer agree to the following:

- **Arrival/Departure:** The phone must be switched **off** (not silent) before entering the school gates and remain off until the pupil has left the school grounds at the end of the day.
- **Storage:** Upon arrival into class, the phone must be handed to a member of the classroom staff, so that it can be stored safely and securely during the school day.
- **Prohibited Use:** Children are strictly forbidden from using phones to take photos, videos, or access social media while on school premises.
- **Liability:** The school accepts **no responsibility** for the loss, damage, or theft of mobile phones brought onto the premises. Devices are brought at the owner's risk.
- **Sanctions:** If a phone is not handed into a member of classroom staff at the start of a school day and it is seen or heard during the school day, it will be confiscated. Parents / carers may be required to collect the device from the school at the end of the school day.

Pupil Agreement

I agree to follow the rules above. I understand that bringing a phone to school is a privilege that can be withdrawn if I do not act responsibly.

Pupil Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

Parent/Carer Consent

I give permission for my child to bring a mobile phone to school on the days that they are travelling to and from school without an adult. I have discussed the school policy with my child and accept the liability terms.

Parent/Carer Signature: _____ **Date:** _____