



Forest Edge Learning Federation

Mobile Phone Policy for parents/carers

Name of School:	Breamore CE Primary, Hale Primary and Hyde CE Primary
Name of Responsible Manager/Headteacher:	Tracy Allen Executive Headteacher
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Rationale

At Forest Edge Learning Federation, we are committed to providing a safe, focused, and inclusive learning environment for all our pupils. This policy reflects our support for Smartphone Free Childhood and the belief that primary aged children benefit most from real life social interactions, hands-on learning, and time away from digital distractions.

By limiting the presence of smartphones and internet enabled devices on school grounds, we aim to support children's emotional development, protect their wellbeing, and encourage a stronger sense of community within our school.

Children's use of mobile phones

Children are not permitted to bring smart phones on to the school site at any time.

The only device children are permitted to bring into school is an old-fashioned mobile with the capacity for phone calls / text messages only; it must not be a smart phone.

Smart watches cannot be worn in school unless the ability to take photos/videos, receive calls, play games, voice record or send messages is deactivated.

All phones, smart watches and devices must be handed in to the school office at the start of the day, switched off, and collected from the school office at the end of the day.

Should a smart phone come into school, we will retain the device until the parent is able to collect this from the school office.

If there are exceptional circumstances where parents feel it is essential their child brings a smart phone to school they can apply for approval from the Executive Headteacher

Children should not bring smart phones on site without prior approval from the Executive Headteacher

Medical Exemption

We are conscious that some children require to keep a smart phone with them in school to link to medical equipment (e.g. diabetes monitors).

In this situation, please contact the school office and we will organise for a member of the leadership team to discuss this with you further.

Mobile Device Guidelines for Visitors

Parents/carers and visitors must use mobile phones and personal devices in accordance with the school's policy.

Visitors are expected to keep mobile devices switched off whilst on site, unless there are extenuating circumstances which have been discussed with staff on arrival.

Use of mobile phones or personal devices by visitors and parents/carers to take photos or videos can only take place in accordance with the schools safeguarding policy.

Visitors connecting personal devices to the school's wireless or wired network will be subject to the monitoring and filtering of internet use.

Staff will be expected to challenge concerns when safe and appropriate and will always inform the Designated Safeguarding Lead of any breaches of use by visitors.

Security of Mobile Phones and other electronic devices

The school does not accept responsibility for mobile phones or other electronic communication devices or entertainment systems.

Children should be advised that their devices will be locked in the main office.

Parents should be informed that mobile phones and other such devices are not covered by the organisation's insurance policy.

Related Policies

This policy should be read in conjunction with the following school policies:

- Safeguarding Policy
- Child protection Policy
- Anti-Bullying Policy
- E Safety Policy
- Positive Behaviour Policy
- Acceptable use of ICT policy