

Mobile Device, Phone & Wearable Technology Policy

Settrington All Saints CE Primary School

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Review Date: October 2027

1. Purpose

At Settrington All Saints, we are committed to creating a safe, nurturing, and inclusive environment where every child can flourish. This policy outlines the respectful and responsible use of mobile phones, personal devices, and wearable technology by pupils, staff, and visitors. It supports our safeguarding responsibilities and reflects our Christian ethos, promoting dignity, wisdom, and community.

2. Pupils

- **Mobile Phones:**

Pupils are not permitted to bring mobile phones to school. In exceptional circumstances (e.g. walking home alone), written parental permission must be provided. Approved phones must be handed to the office at the start of the day and will be stored securely until home time when they can be collected. This ensures safety while maintaining a calm and focused learning environment.

- **Smart Watches & Electronic Tags:**

Pupils are not permitted to wear smart watches or electronic tags that include:

- Mobile connectivity
- Audio or video recording
- Messaging or gaming functions
- Location tracking or Bluetooth pairing

Basic fitness trackers or watches without smart features may be worn with prior approval from the class teacher. This helps us protect privacy and reduce distractions, while recognising individual needs.

- **Sanctions:**

If a device is used inappropriately, it will be confiscated and returned to parents.

3. Staff

- Staff may bring mobile phones and smart devices to school but must keep them on silent and out of sight during teaching hours.
- Personal devices must not be used to photograph or record pupils.
- Communication with parents must be conducted via school systems unless authorised by the headteacher.
- Staff model respectful digital behaviour and uphold our values of trust and integrity.

4. Visitors and Volunteers

- Visitors must not use mobile phones or smart devices in classrooms or around pupils.
- Photography or recording is strictly prohibited unless authorised by the headteacher.
- All visitors will be reminded of this policy during sign-in, as part of our commitment to safeguarding and hospitality.

5. Online Safety and Social Media

- Pupils are taught about responsible device and internet use through our computing and PSHE curriculum, with a focus on kindness, safety, and digital wellbeing.
- Staff must not share school-related content on personal social media accounts.
- To protect the privacy of all our pupils, we kindly ask that any photos or videos taken during school events, (such as performances or sports day) are not shared on social media if they include other children.
- Any concerns about device misuse must be reported to the Designated Safeguarding Lead.
- We encourage open conversations about online safety, helping children make wise and respectful choices.

6. Monitoring and Review

This policy will be reviewed annually and updated in line with safeguarding guidance, technological developments, and feedback from staff, families, and pupils. As a nurturing school, we welcome dialogue and reflection to ensure our policies serve the flourishing of all.