



St John with St Augustine CE Primary School

Mobile Phone Policy 2022

With God's help, together, we aspire, achieve and believe.

St John with St Augustine has a clear policy on allowing pupils to bring mobile phones into school, and this policy makes explicit reference to camera mobile phones. This policy provides clear guidance on the use of mobile phones in school by staff, visitors and pupils.

Camera Mobile Phones

Cameras are now integral to virtually all mobile phones. A built in digital camera enables the user to take high quality pictures. The new generation of phone is also equipped with high quality video technology. These can then be sent instantly to other mobile phone users or e-mail addresses. They can also be posted on the internet or in chat rooms. There is the potential for camera mobile phones to be misused in school. They can become an instrument of bullying or harassment directed against pupils and teachers.

Staff and Policy

- Staff are not permitted to make/receive calls/texts during work time (excluding break and lunch times).
- Mobile phones should not be used in a space where children are present e.g. classrooms, corridors or the playground.
- Staff should ensure that mobile phones are turned off at all times while on the school premises.
- They should be kept in a bag or coat and not left on display.
- In the event that a member of staff has a particular reason, for a specified period of time they may request via the Headteacher that they leave the phone on during working hours. In this instance, mobile phones will be left in the school office.
- The school will not take any responsibility for items that are lost or stolen.
- Staff should never send to, or accept from, colleagues or pupils, texts or images that could be viewed as inappropriate.
- With regard to camera mobile phones, a member of staff should never use their phone to photograph a pupil(s), or allow themselves to be photographed by a pupil(s).

- This guidance should be seen as a safeguard for members of staff and the school.
- Staff should understand that failure to comply with the policy is likely to result in the enforcement of the Whistleblowing Policy and associated procedures.

Exceptions:

The Designated Safeguarding Leads, may access the phones for communication to Safeguarding agencies. This however, should only be if the school telephone or specific safeguarding phone is not accessible.