



Pupil Policy for use of Mobile Phones

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We recognise that mobile phones are part of everyday life for many children and that they can play an important role in helping pupils to feel safe and secure. However, we also recognise that they can prove a distraction in school; can provide a means of bullying or intimidating others and have the potential to create safeguarding issues when phones include a camera.

Camera mobile phones enable users to take high quality pictures which can then be sent instantly to other mobile phones or email addresses. They can also be posted on the internet or in chat rooms. There is also the potential for camera mobile phones to be misused in school.

Therefore pupils are allowed to bring mobile phones into school if they are walking to or from school without parents in Year 5 and 6 and must adhere to the following rules:

- A permission slip must be signed by the parent/carer (**see consent form**)
- The mobile phone must be switched off and handed in to the School Office at the start of the day and collected at the end of the day.
- Phones should be clearly marked so that each pupil knows their own phone.

Parents are advised that Milecastle Primary School accepts no liability for the loss or damage to mobile phones which are brought into the school or school grounds.

Where a pupil is found by a member of staff to be using a mobile phone during the school day, the phone will be confiscated from the pupil, handed to a member of the senior leadership team who will record the name of the pupil and attach to the phone. The mobile phone will be stored by the School Office and parents/carers will be informed. Parents or carers will be expected to collect the phone from the School Office at the end of the school day.

If images of other pupils or teachers have been taken, the phone will be confiscated and the pupil will be asked to remove any images in the presence of a senior teacher. Parents/carers will be informed and will be expected to collect the phone from a Senior Leader at the end of the school day.

If there is more than one occasion of a pupil inappropriately using of their mobile phone, school reserves the right to withdraw the privilege of bringing their phone to school.

Any pupils who are aware of the misuse of a mobile phone, are expected to report this in confidence to a member of staff in keeping with our safeguarding procedures. Where possible, children's anonymity will be protected.

Mobile Phone Parental Consent Form

In accordance with our school Pupil Policy for the use of Mobile Phones, we understand that your child will be bringing a mobile phone into school on a regular basis.

Please sign the consent form below giving permission for your child to do this and please be reminded that:

- The mobile phone **must be** switched off and handed in to the School Office at the start of the day and collected at the end of the day.
- Phones should be clearly marked so that each pupil knows their own phone.
- School bears no responsibility for any loss or damage to the mobile phone.
- Should your child be found to be using their mobile phone inappropriately, the school reserves the right to withdraw this privilege and they will no longer be able to bring a phone into school.

MOBILE PHONE PARENTAL CONSENT

I/We give permission for our child _____ in class _____ to bring their mobile phone into school.

Mobile Phone Number: _____

We have read the policy and understand all its implications.

Parent Signature _____

Parent Name _____

Date _____