



## Stonebow Primary School

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| Policy name – Mobile Phone Policy for Pupils                                                                                              |
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| If applicable:<br>Date approved by governors:<br>Signed -                                                                                 |
| Review Date – Sept 2029<br>To reflect the government guidance below:<br><br><a href="#">Mobile phones in schools - GOV.UK</a> (June 2026) |

## Aim

At Stonebow Primary School, we are committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children; the welfare and well-being of our pupils is paramount. The aim of the Mobile Phone Policy is to allow users to benefit from modern communication technologies, whilst promoting safe and appropriate practice through establishing clear mobile user guidelines.

This is achieved through balancing protection against potential misuse with the recognition that mobile phones are effective communication tools. It is recognised that it is the enhanced functions of many mobile phones that cause the most concern, which can be both distracting and susceptible to misuse, including the taking and distribution of inappropriate images and cyberbullying.

We accept that many children have and use mobile phones at home, but we would recommend that they are removed before bedtime to avoid distraction and conversations that cannot be monitored. Mobile phones and online communication platforms (such as WhatsApp) can play a significant role in online bullying and intimidation and, as a school, we take this very seriously.

We want to work together in this regard to protect our pupils, including through the delivery of thorough e-safety education, which includes online/cyberbullying. We suggest that parents regularly monitor **all communication** via mobile phone to avoid misuse.

## Personal Mobiles

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 and can provide a means of bullying or intimidating others.

Therefore:

- Parents must sign the **Mobile Phone Agreement** before bringing phones into school (Appendix A)
- Pupils are allowed to bring mobile phones into school if they are walking to or from school without parents
- The phone must be handed in, switched off, to the class teacher and it will be stored securely throughout the day for safekeeping
- Whilst school staff will make every effort to ensure that the phone is kept safely and securely, the phone is left at the owner's own risk; school cannot be held responsible for loss or damage
- Pupils bringing phones to school should ensure that phones are appropriately labelled or easily recognisable
- Pupils should secure their phones as much as possible, including using passwords or pin codes to protect access to the phone's functions
- Pupils must not take photographs or videos of either pupils or teachers whilst at school
- Phones **must not be taken** on school trips/visits
- Where mobile phones are used in or out of school to bully or intimidate others, the Anti-Bullying policy will take effect

If a pupil is found taking photographs or video footage with a mobile phone of either other pupils or teachers, this will be regarded as a serious offence and disciplinary action will be taken according to our Behaviour Policy, Anti-Bullying Policy and Child Protection policy as appropriate.

**If a pupil is found to be in breach of this policy or our Mobile Phone Agreement, we reserve the right to withdraw this privilege and they will no longer be able to bring their phone into school.**

**The school accepts no responsibility for mobile phones that are lost, damaged or stolen on school premises or transport, or while pupils are travelling to and from school.**

## Appendix A

### Mobile Phone Agreement:

In accordance with our mobile phone policy, if your child is bringing in a mobile phone to school on a regular basis, please could you sign the form below to give your permission for your child to do this and remind them of our school policy.

- Your child needs to hand their phone to their class teacher first thing in the morning - it must be switched off.
- The school bears no responsibility for the loss or damage to a mobile phone
- Your child's phone should be appropriately marked or labelled so that they can recognise it easily
- Should your child be found using their phone inappropriately, the school reserves the right to withdraw this privilege and they will no longer be able to bring their phone into school.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Class: \_\_\_\_\_

Reason for phone being in school: \_\_\_\_\_

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I hereby give permission for my son/daughter to bring the above mentioned phone into school.

I acknowledge that if he/she does not hand it in and/or uses the phone inappropriately for calls, photographs, internet etc. the school will confiscate the phone accordingly. If a phone is confiscated, it will be returned **only to the parent/carer** at the end of the school day.

I understand that If my son/daughter is found to be in breach of our Mobile Phone Policy, the school reserves the right to withdraw this privilege and they will no longer be able to bring their phone into school.

Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_ (parent/carer)

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_