



# St. Peter's

Church of England Primary School

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*"The light shines in the darkness and the darkness has never put it out"*

*(John 1.5)*

# Mobile Phone Policy Statement 2025-2026

St Peter's is proud to be part of



Where everyone is *valued and respected*, where we share  
commitment to *education that is ambitious*, setting the highest  
expectations and where *integrity* is the foundation.

Children and families are regularly reminded of the school's position in regard to mobile phones via newsletters and the school website. St Peter's School is clear in its position that **children attending the school do not need a mobile phone or Smart phone in order to attend the school. It is the clear, explicit and strong preference of the school that children never bring mobile phones or smart devices such as smart watches into school.**

We understand that access to mobile devices such as SMART phones, watches and tablets means some children, whilst at school could sexually harass their peers via their mobile and smart technology, share indecent images consensually and non-consensually (often via large chat groups) and view and share harmful content.

All school devices that have internet access are controlled to filter harmful content via the school filtering system (Lightspeed). Attempts to access harmful content are reported to the Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL) who follows up with the user or user group identified.

As per the code of conduct staff and visiting adults are permitted to have personal SMART devices on site. They are requested to use them only in spaces unoccupied by children and follow all expectations within the staff code of conduct at all times.

The strong preference of the school is that children do not bring any personal mobile phones or SMART devices into school. These items are often high value, and the school accepts no responsibility for any loss or damage.

The school recognises that, in a very small number of cases, some of our older pupils may, for safety reasons, need access to a mobile phone before or after school and may therefore need to carry a phone while on the school site.

In these circumstances, parents are encouraged to carefully reflect on whether a mobile phone is genuinely helping to keep their child safe when travelling independently, and to consider whether there may be alternative arrangements. A mobile phone does not automatically equate to safety and, in some situations, may present additional risks, such as distraction when walking or crossing roads, or the risk of loss or theft of a valuable device.

Where a phone is considered necessary, parents must complete the Mobile Phone in School form, outlining the reason for the request and providing consent for their child to bring a phone into school. By doing so, parents also confirm their agreement to the school's requirements regarding mobile phones, including that the device must be handed into the school office at the start of the day and collected at the end of the school day.

Children must when they arrive on site

- Switch off their device and hand it into the office immediately.

At the end of the day children must

- Collect their phone from the office placing it immediately in their coat pocket or bag leaving it switched off until they have left the premises.

Under no circumstances should children use their phone to contact anyone during the school day. Should a child need to contact a parent or family member during the day they must speak to a school adult who will support them in making contact using the school phone.

SAMPLE LETTER -

Dear Parents

We are clear in our position that no child requires or needs a mobile phone to attend St Peter's School. We recognise that the families of a small number of our older children who are coming to or leaving school more independently may wish for them to have a way to keep in contact parents.

Further to the information above to ensure any phones in school are necessary and are being brought with parents' full knowledge we are asking parents to complete the short form below. We will also be storing any phones centrally and securely in the main school office.

Paper copies of the form below are available from the revolving leaflet stand in the main front entrance area.

If you have any questions or queries regarding this please don't hesitate to get in touch by emailing [admin@stpeters.ycst.co.uk](mailto:admin@stpeters.ycst.co.uk) or calling 01423 569684.

Best wishes

Mr P Griffiths Headteacher

*Request for child to bring mobile phone to school.*

*Typically, there is no need for children to bring mobile telephones to school. If there is a particular occasion or exceptional reason, then parents should request permission from the Headteacher, and the mobile phone must be left at the school office. School cannot accept responsibility for the loss of expensive personal belongings, and we recommend that parents add such items to their home insurance policies.*

Date: .....

Childs Name: ..... Class: .....

I request permission for my child to bring a mobile phone to school on:

Date/s: .....

Reason (please explain particular occasion or exceptional reason):

I understand that this is subject to the following:

- My child will ensure their phone is always switched off and out of sight while on the school grounds including on the playground before the start of the main school day and at the end of the day.
- My child will hand in the phone to the school office at the beginning of the school day.
- My child must collect the mobile phone from the school office at the end of the school day.
- School does not accept responsibility for the loss, damage or theft of the phone whilst it is on the school premises.

Signed: ..... (Parent / Carer)