



Mobile Phone Policy - St Thomas' C E School Policy

This policy outlines the appropriate use of mobile phones on our school site.

Rationale:

At St Thomas' C E School we believe that quality teaching and learning needs to be conducted in an environment free from unnecessary distractions or disruptions. Therefore the school strongly discourages children bringing in mobile phones and the using of mobile phones on its premises. However, the school is prepared to allow mobile phones on the premises that are switched off but only within the parameters of the policy as stated below:

Guidelines

- In general, children should not bring valuable items to school, as they can be easily lost or broken.
- The staff of St Thomas' C E School accept no responsibility for any personal items that the children bring in from home, this includes mobile phones. Mobile phones are brought to school entirely at the owner's risk.
- There are no reasons why a child needs to have in their possession or use a mobile phone during the school day.
Parents are reminded that in cases of emergency the school office remains a vital and appropriate point of contact. Children are able to use the school phone to contact parents if need be.
- Parents are advised that if they require their child to bring a mobile phone into school for after school use in connection with safety issues, then a letter must be written to the Head Teacher explaining the reasons for the phone being in school.
- If permission is granted to bring a phone onto the premises then the phone will be switched off and given to the class teacher at the beginning of the day, where it will be stored in a safe place. It can be retrieved at the end of the day having sought permission from the class teacher to do so.