



South Haringay School

Mobile Phone Policy

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Introduction

Our school embraces a range of technology that supports our pupil's learning across the curriculum. We are prudent in our choices of technology; always ensuring that there is a clear rationale for the use of any device in each instance. However, the school does not allow the use of smart phones, or smart watches (any watch with communication functions or games), by pupils on school premises.

Use of mobile phones by pupils

Some of our older children, usually those in years 5 and 6, have permission to travel to and from school without an adult. These arrangements are always made with the school in advance and require signed permission from the parent/carer. A form is available from our office staff. We recognise that parents/carers of these pupils may wish for their child to have a phone on them, so they can be contacted to ensure they have arrived to school, or are on the way home.

In order to support the cause of limiting the use of smart phones by children, our school will not permit any pupil to bring a smart phone into school. Pupils who have signed permission to travel to, and from, school independently may only bring a non- smart phone to school. Phones with the basic facilities to only make and receive calls and texts are still widely available.

All pupils arriving to school with a mobile phone are required to hand it to the teacher as they arrive to class each morning. The teacher will keep the phone safe for the day and pupils will not have access to them. Phones are then handed back to pupils at the end of the school day.

If a pupil arrives to school with a smart phone, or smart watch, it will be confiscated by staff and held safely in the school office until a parent/carer comes to collect it.

The school will not accept responsibility for the loss, or theft, of any mobile phone at school.

