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Use of mobile phones and smart watches by pupils

Use of mobile phones and smart watches in school by children is not permitted under any circumstances.

School appreciate that at times parents feel they would like their child to have a mobile phone or smart watch with them when walking to and from school.

To accommodate this and keep our children safe, school permit children to bring their phones or smart watch into school on the condition that:

Phones and smart watches are handed into the class teacher between 8.50am and 9am on arrival at school.

The phones and smart watches will then be placed into the teachers stock cupboard for safe keeping and to ensure that no access is given to the phone during the school day, this includes smart watches that have internet access and or the ability to take photos.

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

Any child who brings a mobile phone or smart watch to school to be handed in must have a permission slip completed by a parent or guardian.

Appendix 1.

4.1 Sanctions

Any child caught with a phone after this time will have it confiscated (sections 91 and 94 of the [Education and Inspections Act 2006](#)), it will then only be returned to the parent.

If a child continues to break the rules the phone will be kept until the end of term.

Teacher have the authority to search pupils' phones, as set out in the [DfE's guidance on searching, screening and confiscation](#).

Confiscated phones will be stored in the Head teachers office or the school safe

Certain types of conduct, bullying or harassment can be classified as criminal conduct. The school takes such conduct extremely seriously, and will involve the police or other agencies as appropriate.

Such conduct includes, but is not limited to:

- Sexting
- Threats of violence or assault
- Abusive calls, emails, social media posts or texts directed at someone on the basis of someone's ethnicity, religious beliefs or sexual orientation

Appendix 1.

Dear Parents,

Schools policy on use of mobile phones in school by pupils is:

Use of mobile phones in school by children is not permitted under any circumstances.

We have tried as a school to accommodate the fact that Parents feel that on some occasions they would like their child to have a mobile phone (or smart watch) with them e.g. when walking home from an after school club alone. We set the rule that all mobile phones (& smart watches) must be handed in to the class Teacher on arrival at school, this is for two reasons:

The safe keeping of the phone

To ensure that children are not able to use the internet and allow other children to view things that their parents or the school may not find acceptable.

The rules in school are as follows:

If you want your child to have a mobile phone for the walk to and from school, they must:

Hand their phone into the class teacher on arrival into the classroom at 9am.

School accepts no responsibility for mobile phones in school.

Any child caught with a phone after this time will have it taken off them, it will then only be returned to the parent.

If a child continues to break the rules the phone will be kept until the end of term.

We would prefer children not to bring a mobile phone into school.

If you wish for your child to bring a mobile phone into school, please fill in the form below.

Many thanks for your support in this matter

Naomi Cartledge

Head Teacher

Corrie Primary and Nursery School Mobile phone use policy can be found at:

<https://www.corrie.tameside.sch.uk/policies/>

I give permission for _____ to bring their mobile into

School for the following reason....

I agree to the rules set out by the school and I understand that school accept no responsibility for my Childs mobile phone.

Signed _____