



Oakley Cross Primary School

"We believe in respect and success for all"

Children's Acceptable Use of Mobile Phones / Devices / Smart Watches Policy

Date of policy: April 2020
Review date: April 2021

Our School Values

We want to instil in our children the core values of:

- Respect
- Resilience
- Confidence
- Kindness
- Tolerance

These values support the way in which all members of our school community can live and work together in a supportive way. They support our school aims.

School Aims (Written by staff)

Article 3: The best interests of the child must be top priority in all things that affect children. At Oakley Cross we aim to provide a high quality curriculum, underpinned by strong teaching and learning and encourage every child to:

- **R**espect themselves, others and the environment
- **E**xpress their needs and feelings and recognise the needs of those around them
- **S**ucceed and reach their full potential by developing a positive work ethic and through high expectation and aspiration
- **P**ersevere when challenged, demonstrating resilience
- **E**nrich their lives through learning and seizing every opportunity to try new experiences
- **C**ontribute fully to school life and the wider community by developing confidence, self-esteem and independence
- **T**olerate others, embrace and celebrate difference and resolve problems appropriately

School Aims (Written by students)

Article 13: Every child must be free to say what they think.

The children of Oakley Cross expect the following aims to be supported by all Duty Bearers.

- **R**espect our right to be safe
- **E**veryone has the right to an education
- **S**pend time listening to children
- **P**rotect our environment so it is clean and safe
- **E**xercise is key for a healthy body and mind
- **C**are for us like a family
- **T**rain all new Duty Bearers



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Mobile Phone Contract

Children's Acceptable Use of Mobile Phones/Devices/Smart Watches Policy

Children have the right to be safe (Article 19), to information (Articles 13 and 17) and to privacy (Article 16).

Oakley Cross Primary School & Nursery Unit recognises that on some occasions it may be helpful for a pupil to bring a mobile phone into school, for instance, if they walk to school unaccompanied or they are being collected by a different carer. We believe that pupil use of a mobile phone during the school day can be disruptive and this agreement outlines how pupil phones will be managed within our school.

Our Pupil Mobile Phone Rules

- All pupils bringing a phone into school must have a good reason for doing so, and must have returned this agreement.
- The school will help children to learn about staying safe online, but recognises that the primary responsibility for online safety at home lies with parents/carers. The school will seek to work with families to help them to encourage children to adopt safe use of mobile technology.
- Children not following these rules will not be allowed to bring a phone into school. Any phone brought in without permission will be confiscated and only returned to a parent or carer.
- Children should be reminded not to take photographs or videos of people without asking and never to take them on the way into or out of school. This is because some children are not allowed to have their picture taken.
- All phones should be turned off before handing in to the school secretary (Mrs McPartlin).
- The school cannot accept responsibility for damage or loss of a mobile phone brought into school.
- The school has the right to confiscate or search a mobile phone. In the unlikely event of needing to do this, we will endeavour to contact a parent or carer. As part of this agreement, your child should agree to unlock the phone if required by a member of staff.
- **We currently advise that the use of Smart Watches is not appropriate in school due to risks of loss and damage.**

Parents may want to look at the advice on www.internetmatters.org which explains how to add some parental controls to the phone and gives advice on how to keep children safe.

Please sign and return the agreement attached.

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Name of Child _____

Reason for needing a mobile phone in school _____

Parent/Carer: I confirm that I have explained the school rules regarding mobile phones to my child and confirm that they may take a mobile phone into school on that basis.

Parent/Carer signature _____ Date _____

Pupil: I will follow the school mobile phone rules.

Pupil signature _____ Date _____

Our school online safety co-ordinator is **Mr C. Smith** Please feel free to contact him if you have any concerns regarding online safety