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## Ely St Mary's CofE Junior School Policy on the Use of Mobile Phones in School

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While mobile phones and personal communication devices are commonplace in today's society, it is recognised that personal mobile phones have the potential to be used inappropriately.

Pupils are dissuaded from bringing mobile phones to school. If it is deemed necessary for a pupil to bring a mobile phone to school, (e.g. in the case of older, Y5 and Y6, pupils because they travel to and from school independently), then the expectation is that the pupil hands their phone into the school office via their class box.

- In addition, parents must give consent for their child(ren) to bring their mobile phone into school. They do this via the [online form here](#) (also to be found on the school website):
- Pupils are not permitted to use their phone or personal device during the school day/when on site. To do may present a number of safeguarding concerns. Where pupils deliberately do not follow this expectation, their behaviour will be considered and addressed in line with the school's behaviour policy.
- Mobile phones brought into school are at pupils' own risk.

### Related Policies and guidance:

- Demat Acceptable Use Policy for Trust Employees in the use of IT/Social Media/Electronic Communications/Mobile Phones/Laptops/Portable Devices (June 2020)
- Demat Acceptable Use Policy for Governors and Trustees in the use of IT/Social Media/Electronic Communications/Mobile Phones/Laptops/Portable Devices (June 2020)
- Demat Acceptable Use Policy for Volunteers and Visitors in the use of IT/Social Media/Electronic Communications/Mobile Phones/Laptops/Portable Devices (June 2020)

- Demat Safeguarding and Child Protection Policy (August 2024)
- Keeping Children Safe in Education (2024)
- DEMAT Code of Conduct for all Adults (February 2019)