

Mobile Phone Policy at Blackhall

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1. Why do we need a policy?

- The statistics are telling us that children are being given Smartphones earlier and earlier in their development.
- We understand that many parents and carers wish their child to carry a mobile phone, to ensure safe travel to and from school.



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2. Why would a child need a mobile phone?

Parents and carers may wish their child to have a phone to allow easy contact between home and school.

Parents and Carers from our Parent and Carer Council are encouraging the wider parent body to consider giving their child a non-Smart Phone to meet this need.





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3. How could a mobile phone be misused?

- With our increasing use of iPads in school to support learning, children are able to take photographs and have access to the internet.
- Children are NOT permitted, however, to take photographs without consent and the approval of the teacher. This is much easier to monitor when mobile phones are not available during the school day.



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3. How could a mobile phone be misused?



The damage and dangers of posting or passing on hurtful or offensive messages is Cyberbullying and will not be tolerated. (Please see our Policy to Prevent and Respond to Bullying and Prejudice.)



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4. What happens to my child's phone during the school day?

- At Blackhall PS, we ask that our children put mobile phones (Smart or otherwise) away before entering the playground each morning.
- The phones must stay in school bags until they leave school at the end of the day.



Mobile Phone Policy- Smartwatches



- Smartwatches should be treated in the same way as phones – away in school bags before the start of the school day, to remain there until the school day ends.
- If your child's Smartwatch can be programmed to operate as a time-telling device only for the duration of the school day, this can be agreed with class teacher or the Senior Leadership Team.





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- Any contact needed between home and school should be made through the school office.
- All staff members are aware of the policy and monitor carefully.
- Any phones coming out at break or lunch time are quickly put away in bags again.
- We appreciate support from parents and carers in taking time to talk through these important matters with your child.

