

The Chandler Church of England (Aided) Junior School



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Dear Parents/Carers,

MOBILE PHONES

In line with government guidance and other schools in our partnership, we are committed to maintaining a mobile phone-free school day so that all children can focus fully on learning, friendships and play in a safe and supportive environment.

Our policy is clear: **bringing a mobile phone or smartwatch to school should be the exception, not the rule.** We do not encourage children to bring these devices into school and, in most cases, they are not needed.

We recognise, however, that in a small number of circumstances—usually linked to a clear safeguarding or medical requirement — a child may need to have a phone. In these cases, strict procedures are in place to ensure that devices do not impact on learning, behaviour or wellbeing.

Mobile phones give children access to the full internet and to social media platforms for which they are below the legal age. We know that online activity and messaging can spill over into school life, affecting children's friendships, emotional wellbeing and readiness to learn. Our approach is therefore designed to reduce these risks and protect children during the school day.

If a child needs to bring a phone or smartwatch to school:

- it **must be switched off before entering the school gates**
- it **must be handed to the class teacher immediately on arrival**
- it will be **stored securely for the duration of the school day**

Any child found with a phone or smartwatch in school will have it confiscated, and it will be returned only to a parent or carer. They will also lose the right to bring a device to school in future.

If you believe your child needs to bring a device, please complete the permission form (on paper or via Arbor). This helps us ensure that phones are only brought into school where genuinely necessary.

We appreciate your support in reinforcing this message at home: that mobile phones in primary school should be **an exception, not an expectation.**

Yours faithfully

Mr Hugh Rawson
Headteacher



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I (parent/carer's name) give permission

for my child (child's name) in Class.....

to bring their mobile phone/smart watch to school.

I understand that their phone/smart watch must be switched off at the school gate, handed in to the class teacher on arrival and collected at the end of the day. Failure to do so will result in permission for having their phone/smart watch in school withdrawn. Their phone/smart watch will also be confiscated until it can be returned safely to me as parent/carer.

Signature: Date:

Pupil agreement

If I bring a phone or smartwatch to school, I agree that:

- I will switch it off before entering school
- I will hand it to my teacher
- I will not use it during the school day
- I understand it may be confiscated if I break the rules

Name..... Class.....

Signed..... Date