

Lundavra Primary School



Policy:

Use of mobile phones and other communication devices

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Lundavra Primary School acknowledges that mobile phones and smartwatches are integral to modern life, offering benefits for communication and learning. However, their use during school hours must be managed to ensure a positive learning environment and to safeguard all members of our school community.

Aims

- To ensure that the use of mobile phones and smart watches does not disrupt teaching and learning.
- To promote safe and respectful use of technology.
- To protect pupils from potential risks associated with mobile devices, such as cyberbullying or unauthorised recording.

This policy applies to all pupils, staff, and visitors during school hours and on school premises.

Pupil Guidelines

- Pupils are discouraged from bringing mobile phones or smart watches to school unless absolutely necessary.
- Mobile phones brought to school must be switched off and handed to the class teacher upon arrival. They will be stored in a safe place and returned at the end of the day.
- Smart watches with communication or recording features must also be handed in if worn to school.
- Pupils may not use mobile phones or smart watches during school hours, including break and lunch times.

Exceptions

- In exceptional circumstances, parents/carers may request that their child have access to a mobile phone for safety reasons. Such requests must be made in writing to the headteacher.
- Teachers may allow the use of mobile phones or smart watches for specific learning activities, subject to prior approval.

Staff and Visitor Guidelines

- Staff and visitors are expected to use mobile phones and smart watches responsibly and discreetly while on school premises.
- Personal devices should not be used in the presence of pupils unless explicitly required for professional duties.

Safeguarding and Security

- The unauthorised use of mobile phones or smart watches to take photos, record audio, or video on school premises is strictly prohibited.
- Any violation of this rule may lead to appropriate consequences, which could include discussions with parents or carers.
- The school will not be held responsible for the loss, theft, or damage of mobile phones or smart watches brought to school.

Communication

- This policy will be communicated to all pupils, parents, staff, and visitors through the school handbook, email, and regular newsletters.
- Pupils will be reminded of the policy during assemblies and class discussions.