

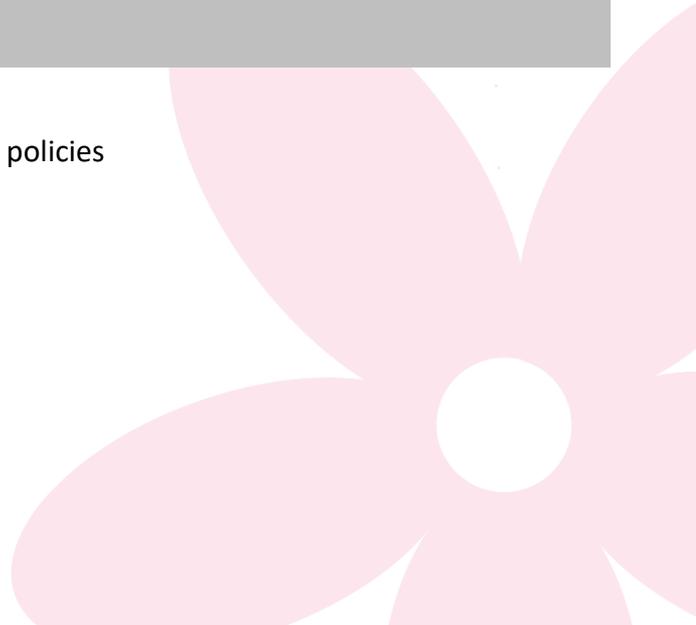


EYFS Mobile Phone Policy

St Barnabas CofE Primary School

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This policy supersedes all previous EYFS mobile phone policies



The use of mobile phones and cameras in St Barnabas EYFS

Introduction

The use of mobile technology should be considered an essential and integral part of everyday life. As such, children and young people, and early years practitioners and their managers, are to be encouraged to use such technology in a positive and responsible way.

It has to be recognised however, that digital technology has increased the potential for cameras and images to be misused and inevitably there will be concerns about the risks to which children and young people may be exposed. Practical steps must be taken to ensure that the use of cameras and images will be managed sensitively and respectfully. A proactive and protective ethos is to be reflected which will aim to promote effective safeguarding practice. Technology itself will not present the greatest risks, but the behaviours of individuals using such equipment.

Aim

The aim of the Mobile Phone/Camera Policy is to protect children from harm, by ensuring the appropriate management and use of mobile phones/cameras/mobile devices by all individuals who come into contact with the setting.

Scope

The Mobile Phone/Camera Policy will apply to all individuals who are to have access to and/or users of personal and/or work-related mobile devices within the setting environment. This will include parents and carers, early years practitioners and their managers, volunteers and students.

- Staff's use of their own personal mobile within the setting.
 - When at work staff mobile phones should be kept away from children.
 - Where staff are required to carry a mobile phone so that they are ready to respond to a medical need of a child, this requirement will be outlined by a child's care plan or by the School Nurse.
 - Staff can make personal calls before and after school and during their break.
 - If staff are expecting an emergency call, they should notify the EYFS lead or head teacher and answer this call in an area away from children
 - Staff can use their mobile phones during school trips e.g. to keep in touch with school, each other and emergency services.
 - Staff should use school cameras and school ipads to take photos for school use: eg blogs, display, assessment, special events, uploading to Class Dojo.
 - Photographs should only be stored on school equipment.

- Parents use of their mobiles in the setting
 - Parents are asked not to take phone calls in the setting.
 - Parents are asked not to take photos on their phone unless there is a special reason eg first day of school, celebration assembly. On such an occasion, they should make a staff

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member aware and should, where possible, only take a photo of their own child. No photos that include other children should be posted online on any social media platforms.

Parents are made aware of this at the July induction meeting and again in September.



*“Through Jesus we encourage one another and build each other up,
to be our best selves”*