



Policy for the Use of Mobile Phones by Pupils at East Herrington Primary Academy

Policy Reviewed Autumn Term 2018 - Next Review Date: Autumn Term 2020

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Headteacher's Signature:

Date:

Chair of Governor's Signature:

Date:



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This policy has been formulated following the guidance in 'Sunderland City Council's Safer Working Practice for Adults Who Work with Children and Young People'.

In order to protect the staff and pupils at East Herrington Primary School the following policy guidelines are offered for the use of mobile communication technology.

East Herrington Primary School accepts that parents give their children mobile phones to protect them from everyday risks involving personal security and safety. It is acknowledged that providing a child with a mobile phone gives parents reassurance.

Permission to have a mobile phone at school while under the school's supervision is only granted under the strict adherence to the guidelines listed in this policy. It is up to parents / pupils / staff to ensure that these are understood and followed through.

Parents, pupils and staff must understand that East Herrington Primary Academy accepts no responsibility for replacing mobile devices that are lost, stolen or damaged whilst on the school premises or on school sponsored functions. It is the pupils' responsibility to take adequate precautions to safeguard their property at all times. There will be times when pupils are not allowed to take mobile phones with them.

Acceptable Use:

- **Pupils should not have their mobile phone in the classroom, these should be kept in the school office ensuring that the mobile phone is not used during the school day.**
- The main use of the mobile phone should be to support a child's safety when travelling to and from school.
- A mobile phone will give the pupil telephone access to their parents outside of school times.

Unacceptable Use:

- Mobile phones should not be used by pupils in school
- It should be noted that it is a criminal offence to use a phone to menace, harass or offend another person. Pupils with mobile phones must not engage in personal attacks, harass another person, or post private information about another person using SMS messaging, taking / sending photos or objectionable images and phone calls.

Pupils who fail to comply with this policy may have any of the following consequences:

- If mobile phones are found in school and have not been left in the school office they will be confiscated until the end of the school day.
- Repeated infringements may result in the pupil not being allowed to bring the mobile into school.



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- If the mobile phone was to be inappropriately used e.g. bullying, causing offence, harassment etc. the police may be informed.

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Signed:

N. Hair November 2018



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Parent / Guardian Permission

I have read and understand the Use of Mobile Phones Policy by Pupils at East Herrington Primary Academy.

I give permission for my child to carry a mobile phone to school and understand that it must then be handed in to the office during the school day.

Parent Name (print) _____

Parent Signature: _____

Date: _____

Student Name (print) _____

Mobile Phone Number _____

Date: _____

If you have any comments or suggestions, please either contact East Herrington Primary Academy or identify them in the space below.

Thank you,

N. Hair
(Headteacher)