



## MOORLAND JUNIOR SCHOOL

### MOBILE PHONE POLICY FOR PUPILS

Moorland Junior School has established the following Acceptable Use Policy for mobile phones that provides parents and pupils with guidelines and instructions for the appropriate use of mobile phones during school. We are sure that you will support us with this policy for obvious reasons.

The use of mobile phones by pupils can present safeguarding risks including access to inappropriate content, cyberbullying, and the unauthorised taking or sharing of images. Moorland Junior School therefore places clear restrictions on the use of mobile phones during the school day to ensure the safety, wellbeing and privacy of all pupils and staff.

While we acknowledge a parent's right to allow their child to bring a mobile phone to school, Moorland Junior School discourages pupils from bringing one to school. Repeated breaches of this policy may result in further disciplinary action in line with the school's Behaviour Policy and may result in the pupil losing permission to bring a mobile phone to school.

Should parents wish their child to bring a mobile phone to school, to keep in when travelling on the school bus for example:

- Parents and pupils must read and understand the Acceptable Use Policy before they are given permission to bring mobile phones to school.
- The Acceptable Use Policy applies to pupils during school hours on the school site. Mobile phones are not permitted on school trips or residential trips.
- If parents need to contact pupils for any reason during the school day, this should be done via the school office and not via the child's mobile phone.
- Only pupils who have written permission from their parents are entitled to bring mobile phones to school. *Appendix 1 – mobile phone permission slip.*
- If pupils bring a mobile phone to school, *the phone must be switched off until they leave the school premises* at the end of the day.
- Pupils must hand their mobile phones to their class teacher on arrival at school.
- Pupils' mobile phones will be kept locked away until the end of the school day.
- Mobile phones seen on the school premises being used at an inappropriate time will be confiscated immediately by a member of staff until the end of the day. At this time, it will be the responsibility of the parents to collect the phone from school, not the pupil. If a pupil is found taking photographs or video with a mobile phone of anyone, this will be regarded as a serious offence and disciplinary action will be taken including a meeting with parents.
- Reasonable adjustments will be made in circumstances where needed, for example supporting a pupil with a medical condition, in which case permission for the child to retain their mobile phone throughout the day will be given. The use of the mobile phone for any other reason than to monitor/support the medical condition is not allowed.
- While the school will take reasonable steps to store mobile phones securely during the school day, Moorland Junior School cannot accept responsibility for loss, theft or damage.

THIS POLICY WAS ADOPTED ON	SIGNED ON BEHALF OF THE SCHOOL	DATE FOR REVIEW
March 2026	A McKeown	March 2027



## APPENDIX I

### MOBILE PHONE PERMISSION SLIP

CHILD'S NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

YEAR: \_\_\_\_\_

My child needs to bring a mobile phone to school as he/she travels to/from school without an adult.

My child needs to keep their phone switched on and with them throughout the day, because:

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I accept that the school cannot be held responsible for the security of my child's mobile phone and understand that if the phone is used inappropriately at the school, the phone will be confiscated immediately and I will be responsible for collecting it from school.

Signature of Parent / Carer: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_