

Lethbridge Primary School

Pupil Mobile Phone Policy 2021

Introduction

We recognise that mobile phones are part of everyday life for many children and that they can play an important role in helping pupils to feel safe and secure. However, mobile phones are capable of more than simply helping a child get in touch with parents at the end of the day, therefore it is incumbent upon parents to understand the capabilities of the phone and the potential use and misuse of those capabilities. Lethbridge Primary School discourages children from bringing mobile phones to school if at all possible due to the potential negative issues that may arise, for example:

- Mobile phones may be lost, stolen or damaged
- Mobile phones can prove a distraction to teaching and learning in school
- They may provide a means of bullying or intimidating others
- There are risks associated with sharing images and with posting digital images on the internet. Those images may remain available on the internet forever and may cause harm or embarrassment to individuals in the short or longer term.

Use of Mobile Phones

If it is necessary for a child to bring a mobile phone to school, parents need to submit a request form to the head teacher or deputy head if they wish their child to bring a mobile phone to school.

Lethbridge Primary School accepts no liability for any loss or damage to mobile phones which are brought in to school or the school grounds.

The phone must be kept in the pupil's bag when on school premises, (including on the playground before and after school) and remain switched off throughout the school day.

Mobile phones brought to school without permission, or used on the school premises by a child, will be confiscated and kept in the school office, whereby a call will be made home and the child may then collect the phone at the end of the day. If this happens again, the phone will need to be collected in person by a parent/carer at the end of the school day.

If a pupil is found taking photographs or video footage with a mobile phone of either pupils or staff, this will be regarded as a serious offence and disciplinary action will be taken according to our Behaviour Policy.

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