



# Callington Primary School Mobile Phone Policy

**Date of issue – March 2020**

## **Introduction**

The preference of the school is that students DO NOT have mobile phones at school. However, it is appreciated that in some special cases, access to a mobile phone is necessary.

The school has a communication system in place that is able to deal with emergencies. Data such as parent/carers phone numbers and emergency contacts are kept up to date and are readily accessible when required.

## **Concerns**

Concerns about students having mobile phones at school include:

- Students using phones in class create a distraction to teachers and other students.
- The inappropriate use of phones including being used to harass others.
- Students being able to make calls without supervision.
- Taking photographs of others or recording audio
- The chances of phones being damaged, lost or stolen.

## **Guidelines for Students and Parents/Carers**

Students are not permitted to bring mobile phones to school.

Students who need to have a mobile phone at school must:

- Supply a written explanation from their parents to the Principal outlining the reason why they need to have a mobile phone at school. This explanation can be supplied via the form: "Students with Mobile Phones at School - Parent/Carer Explanation". It needs to include that the school take no responsibility for damage, loss or theft of the phone whilst in the student's possession.
- Ensure that the phone is switched off and handed to their teacher on arriving at school. Then collect the phone at the end of the school day.
- Ensure that the phone is not used on school grounds before or after school.



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## Parent/Carer explanation

Please complete this form below to request permission for a student to have a mobile phone at school.

Student's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Explanation from Parent/Carer: \_\_\_\_\_

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Name of Parent/Carer: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Please note: if the Principal grants permission:

1. The phone must be switched off and handed to the class teacher on arriving at school. The phone can be collected at the end of the school day.
2. The school takes no responsibility for damage, loss or theft of the phone whilst it is in the possession of the student.
3. The phone is not to be used on school grounds before or after school.

Principal Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Teacher signature \_\_\_\_\_