



# Mobile Phone & Smart Watch Policy



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## Why do we have this policy?

To help us maintain a **calm, safe and focused learning environment**, and to support pupils in developing **responsible digital habits**.

## Our Rights

At Dean Park Primary School, we believe everyone has the right to learn without interruptions, feel safe and protected, have their privacy respected and use technology safely and responsibly.

## Pupil Expectations

### Mobile Phones

We strongly encourage pupils to **leave phones at home**.

If a phone must be brought to school, it should:

- Be **switched off** before entering the playground
- Stay switched off and in the school bag throughout the school day
- Only be switched on **once outside the school gates**, unless a member of staff gives permission

Phones must **not** be used at break, lunchtime, or in class.

### Smart Watches

- Must be **handed to the class teacher each morning**
- Not used during the school day

## Privacy

Pupils must not take any photos, videos, or audio recordings on school grounds without staff approval.

## Staff Expectations

- Staff should use mobile phones **only for work-related purposes** during school hours
- Personal use should be limited and never in front of pupils
- No personal social media use during contact times

## Parents & Visitors

- Please keep phones on **silent** while in the building or when working with pupils
- Filming or photography is not allowed unless authorised by the **Senior Leadership Team**

## Safeguarding & Cyber Safety

All pupils must follow the school's **Acceptable Use Policy**. Any inappropriate use of digital devices — including cyberbullying or accessing inappropriate content will be discussed with families and consequences will be explored as below.

## Consequences for Pupils

- **Step 1:** Verbal warning + parent/carer informed
- **Step 2** Staff member removes device (returned at the end of the day) + parent/carer informed