



St. Mary's Church of England VC Infant School

'Sharing, Caring, Learning and Loving with God'

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Pupil Mobile Phone and Smartwatch Policy

Policy Review:

This Policy will be reviewed annually

Reviewed	July 2026
Next Review	July 2027

Our Vision

We aspire to be a community living life in all its fullness. We share, care, learn and love with God, valuing the dignity and respect of all humanity and creation. Through the power of the Holy Spirit Jesus' Kingdom comes and everyone can flourish together.

Our Mission

'Sharing, caring, learning and loving with God.'

Our Values

Friendship, Perseverance, Respect, Trust, Thankfulness, Humility, Generosity, Forgiveness, Courage, Peace, Compassion, Responsibility

Our 6 Key ideals that underpin our vision

	Uphold the Values of God	
Nurture Creativity, Encourage Curiosity	Learning Together, Flourishing Together	Connecting Communities
	Stimulating Surroundings	
	One Message	

Understanding our vision

Our 6 key ideals were created through the input of all stakeholders as being important factors in what we want from our school every day.

'We aspire to be a community living life in all its fullness' (John 10:10) Church of England vision for Education

'Sharing, Caring, Learning and Loving with God' (School's mission statement)

'Valuing the dignity and respect of all humanity and all creation' (Reference to Jonah and the Whale and the Church of England vision)

'Through the power of the Holy Spirit' (The importance of the Holy trinity and that we can't do it alone. We must work together.)

'Jesus' kingdom comes.' (Themed verse, Lord's Prayer and the goal of the school for us to create a peaceful and successful kingdom)

Flourish: Achievement

Together: Community

Purpose:

The purpose of this policy is to ensure that mobile phones, smartwatches, and other electronic devices do not interfere with the educational environment and the safety of our students. St. Mary's Infants School values a distraction-free atmosphere where students, staff, and visitors can focus on learning, teaching, and maintaining a respectful environment.

At St Mary's Infants School, our policy aims to:

- Ensure our environment is mobile phone-free by default
- Ensure the safe, responsible and lawful use of mobile phones, where applicable
- Provide clear guidelines for the use of mobile phones for pupils
- Support the school's other policies, especially those related to child protection and behaviour

This policy also aims to address some of the challenges posed by mobile phones in school, such as:

- Risks to child protection
- Data protection issues
- Risk of theft, loss, or damage
- Appropriate use of technology for learning purposes

Note: throughout this policy, 'mobile phones' refers to mobile phones and similar devices.

There is a separate policy for staff members, visitors and volunteers titled – Mobile Phone and Smartwatch Policy

Guidance:

This policy meets the requirements of section 36 of the [Children's Wellbeing and Schools Act 2026](#), and the Department for Education (DfE)'s [mobile phone guidance](#) and [behaviour guidance](#). Further guidance that should be considered alongside this policy is [Keeping Children Safe in Education](#).

Scope:

This policy applies to all pupils while on school premises or involved in school-related activities.

Use of mobile phones by pupils:

The DfE's mobile phone guidance says that the use of mobile phones is prohibited throughout the school day.

Pupils must not use their mobile phones during the school day, including during lessons, in the time between lessons, at breaktimes and at lunchtimes, unless explicitly authorised by a member of staff (for example, for a specific medical reason).

At St Mary's children are not permitted to walk home alone and therefore there is no permission granted for a phone to be used

Pupils will be taught the risks that are associated with the use of mobile phones, both in school and more broadly, to ensure they understand the decision to prohibit the use of mobile phones throughout the school day. These risks can include a loss of focus in lessons, classroom disruption and an increase in bullying. Pupils will be encouraged to see a mobile-phone free environment as desirable and valuable.

Use of smartwatches by pupils:

Smart watches are not permitted to be worn by pupils as there are cameras on smartwatches that must not be used for taking pictures or recording videos on school grounds, including classrooms, playgrounds, and any school-related activities. Unauthorised recording is strictly prohibited.

Lost or Stolen Devices: The school is not responsible for the loss, theft, or damage of personal devices brought to school as these are not permitted.

Thank you for your cooperation in ensuring a positive and distraction-free environment at St. Mary's Infants School.