



Ball Green Primary School

Personal Electronic Devices, inc. Mobile Phones for Children Policy [2020-2021]

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Statement of intent

Ball Green Primary School accepts that personal mobile phones and tablets are often given to children by their parents/carers to ensure their safety and personal security. As a result, mobile phones, digital music players and other personal electronic devices have become more widely available.

As a school, we must make a sensible and practical response to this rapidly changing technological world in order to ensure that our children, staff and each other remain safe at all times. We understand that parents wish their children to carry a mobile phone for their personal safety, whilst children may wish to bring additional devices to school for other reasons.

1. Key roles and responsibilities

1.1. The governing body has overall responsibility for the implementation of the personal electronic devices policy and procedures of Ball Green Primary School

1.2. The governing body has overall responsibility for ensuring that the Personal Electronic Devices Policy, as written, does not discriminate on any grounds, including but not limited to ethnicity/national origin, culture, religion, gender, disability or sexual orientation.

1.3. The governing body has overall responsibility for reviewing the Personal Electronic Devices Policy.

1.4. The headteacher has responsibility for handling complaints regarding this policy as outlined in the school's Complaints Policy.

1.5. The headteacher will be responsible for the day-to-day implementation and management of the personal electronic devices policy and procedures of Ball Green Primary School.

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2. Personal electronic devices

2.1. Personal electronic devices include, but are not limited to, existing and emerging:

- ✓ Mobile communication systems and smart technologies (mobile phones, iPhones, Smartphones, smart watches, internet-enabled phones, etc.);
- ✓ Personal Digital Assistants (PDA) (Palm organizers, pocket PCs, etc.);
- ✓ Handheld entertainment systems (video games, CD players, compact DVD players, MP3 players, iPods, earphones, etc.);
- ✓ Portable internet devices (mobile messengers, iPads, etc.);
- ✓ Wireless handheld technologies or portable information technology systems (used for word processing, wireless internet access, image capture/recording, sound recording, and information transmitting/receiving/storing, etc.).

2.2. Ball Green Primary School acknowledges the increasing use of technology as part of the curriculum.

2.3. Parents/carers should be aware if their child takes a mobile phone or tablet to school, Ball Green Primary school accepts no responsibility for replacing lost, stolen or damaged mobile devices either at school, or travelling to and from school.

3. Acceptable use

3.1. Mobile devices should be ~~switched off~~ before entering the premises, remain off while on the premises and kept in a designated place during the school day. They should be put in the designated place on entry to the school building and collected from this place on the way out.

3.2. Mobile phones should not be in view or be used anywhere in the school grounds.

4. Unacceptable use

4.1. Mobile phones are not to be used, in any way, on the school premises or at school events.

5. Sanctions

5.1. Any child caught breaking the Personal Electronic Devices Policy will have their mobile device confiscated until the end of the day.

5.2. Confiscated mobile devices will be locked away securely in the main office.

5.3. Confiscated mobile devices must be collected by the child's parent/carer.

5.4. Serial breaches of this policy may result in this privilege being withdrawn.

6. Policy review

This policy is reviewed at least every two years, or sooner if appropriate, by the headteacher.

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