



## North Park Primary School Mobile Phone Contract

North Park Primary School does not permit mobile phones to be brought into school. Phones are expensive items and we cannot guarantee safety or security. This rule is also in place for safeguarding reasons – we cannot filter content to ensure it is appropriate for children if this is accessed on mobile phones. In addition the taking of photographs etc. needs to be strictly controlled according to parental wishes. Therefore we ask for your support in NOT sending mobiles into school.

However, we also recognise there may be occasional **exceptional** circumstances where it is helpful for a pupil to bring a mobile phone into school, for instance, if they walk to school unaccompanied or they are being collected by a different carer one day a week. Whilst we will not permit the use of the phone during the school day, in these exceptional circumstances we will consider a parental request for a pupil to be able to access a phone, before or after school (NOT merely because a pupil wants to have their phone).

In these circumstances we ask parents and carers to read the following agreement and sign the request, stating the specific reason for a phone to be in school.

### Our Pupil Mobile Phone Rules

- All pupils bringing a phone into school must have a good reason for doing so, and must have returned this agreement.
- The school will help children to learn about staying safe online, but recognises that the primary responsibility for online safety at home lies with parents/carers. The school will seek to work with families to help them to encourage children to adopt safe use of mobile technology.
- Children not following these rules will not be allowed to bring a phone into school. Any phone brought in without permission will be confiscated and only returned to a parent or carer.
- Children should be reminded not to take photographs or videos of people without asking and never to take them on the way into or out of school. This is because some children are not allowed to have their picture taken.
- All phones should be turned off before handing in to the main office – Mrs Harris.
- The school cannot accept responsibility for damage or loss of a mobile phone brought into school.
- The school has the right to confiscate or search a mobile phone. In the unlikely event of needing to do this, we will endeavour to contact a parent or carer. As part of this agreement, your child should agree to unlock the phone if required by a member of staff.
- We currently advise that the use of Smart Watches is not appropriate in school due to risks of loss and damage.

Parents may want to look at the advice on [www.internetmatters.org](http://www.internetmatters.org) which explains how to add some parental controls to the phone and gives advice on how to keep children safe.

Please sign and return the agreement attached.

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**Name of Child:**

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**Reason for needing a mobile phone in school:**

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**Parent/Carer:** I confirm that I have explained the school rules regarding mobile phones to my child and confirm that they may take a mobile phone into school on that basis.

Parent/Carer signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**Pupil:** I will follow the school mobile phone rules.

Pupil signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Our school online safety co-ordinator is Mr Logan. Please feel free to contact them if you have any concerns regarding online safety.