

GLEN HILLS PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Glen Hills Primary School discourages mobile phones from being brought into school. However, as a school we fully appreciate the part they play in keeping children safe whilst walking to and from school independently. As a result of this, we have developed this policy to ensure that mobile phones can be used to contribute towards pupils' safety during their journey to and from school.

Aims of the policy

- To set out for staff, parents/carers and pupils the school's position in relation to mobile phones being brought into school
- To make clear to parents/carers and pupils the expectations for mobile phone usage whilst in school
- To ensure the use of mobile phones does not impact upon the learning of pupils whilst in school

Mobile Phone Code of Conduct

- Pupils must hand their mobile phone into their teachers on arrival into school who will store them safely until pupils are ready to leave the premises.
- Pupils must ensure that their mobile phone is turned off throughout their time on the school premises
- Pupils understand that if their mobile phone not handed in and is subsequently seen in school, it will be confiscated and their parents will need to collect it from school
- Pupils understand that if they use their phone in or out of school inappropriately (e.g. send unkind or abusive text messages, connect to a social networking site, take photos etc.) it will be confiscated and their parents/carers will need to collect it from school. Serious misuse of a phone can lead to a pupil being banned from bringing one into school.
- Pupils will be asked to provide school with their mobile number to trace any inappropriate activity if it were to arise and it is their responsibility to inform school if the number changes.
- An exception to the above is the Year 6 Leavers Party (ONLY), where children may bring phones to school with the permission of parents/carers to take photos of their friends (who are in agreement). School takes no responsibility for the loss, damage or theft of these phones. No unkind messages, social networking or inappropriate photos are permitted.

Pupil and Parental Expectations

- Parents/Carers and Pupils must sign a code of conduct and a waiver which declares that Glen Hills Primary School will take no responsibility for any loss, damage or theft associated with any mobile phones brought into school or on the way to and from school.
- It is the responsibility of parents/carers to ensure they have signed the relevant paperwork. If they have a child who starts to bring a phone into school, they need to request the code of conduct and waiver. It is not the school's responsibility to ensure that these forms are signed.

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Code of Conduct

Pupils

- I understand that I must hand my mobile phone to the appropriate member of staff
- I understand that I must keep my phone turned off when I am in school
- I understand that my phone will be confiscated if it is not handed in and is subsequently seen in school
- I understand that my phone will be confiscated if I use it to send unkind or abusive text messages, connect to a social networking site or take photos without permission when I am at school

Signed:

Date:

Class:

Mobile number:

Parents/Carers

- I understand that it is my responsibility to ensure that my child understands and adheres to the code of conduct set out above
- I understand that the school will accept no responsibility for any loss, damage or theft in relation to my child's mobile phone either on the way to or from school, or in school.

Signed:

Date:

Parent/Guardian/Carer*

(*please delete as appropriate)