

Mobile and Smart Technology Policy



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Personal devices must not be used in the school without the explicit permission of the Principal this will include the use of wearable technology

Mobile Phone Policy

We recognise that mobile phones are an ever increasing part of everyday life and they can play an important role in help pupils feel safe and secure. However, we are aware that such devices can create distractions to pupils as well as providing a way to bully or intimidate others.

Pupils at Smith's Wood Primary Academy are not permitted to use mobile phones within school, trips or school events.

Children are welcome to use their mobile phones to walk to and from school, but once in school, they must be switched off and given to the class teacher to be safely kept until the end of the day.

Smith's Wood Primary Academy will not take any responsibility for any loss or damages to a pupil's personal mobile device.

The school will investigate and act on any inappropriate use of mobile phones, or inappropriate content on mobile phones where it involves a pupil of Smith's Wood Primary Academy.

Smart Watch Policy

Although smart watches have many positive features, including monitoring heartbeats and the use of a step counter, they can also be used to receive emails, text messages, make phone calls and take photos. Children are not permitted to take photos for personal use in school via any platform. As you will appreciate, these work in a similar way to mobile phones and don't allow the school to monitor the content which children are looking at in school. The monitoring of acceptable internet use is something that the school takes extremely seriously and there are clear mechanisms and reporting systems in place, within the school, to ensure that our pupils remain safe at Smith's Wood Primary Academy.

The school has a clear no mobile phone policy in school and due to the nature of access, which the smart watches provide, this policy also extends to the use of smart watches at Smith's Wood Primary Academy.

Smith's Wood Primary Academy will not take any responsibility for any loss or damages to a pupil's personal wearable device.

Any smart watch which has enabled internet connectivity to a smartphone, is not permitted; such as Apple or Samsung, as these types of smart watches have the ability to send and receive text messages and phone calls.