



## **Mobile Phone/Smart Device Policy**

Roseworthy Primary School acknowledges the importance parents place on the safety of their children. The ability for children to be able to contact parents in cases of emergency or danger is essential. Access to mobile phones/smart devices by children has become a useful tool for families to keep in contact with each other in such circumstances.

RPS acknowledges that it is not necessary for children to use a mobile phone from 8:30am-3:30pm while students are supervised on school grounds. In these circumstances both parents and students have access to each other through the normal communication channels at school.

### **Telephone Calls To and From Students**

Parents are able to call the front office and get messages to children to alter plans or to ensure their safety in cases of a family emergency. Children can be called to the school phone if it is essential that the parent speak with the child directly. Similarly, children are able to use the school phone to contact parents if required.

### **Mobile phones/smart devices at school**

Any mobile phone/smart device brought to school is to be handed into the front office from 8:30am, as soon as they arrive on school grounds. Devices will be individually labelled and stored securely in the front office and can be collected at the end of the day or when signed out by a parent. Where a large number of devices are from one class, an SSO will deliver the phones to that room at 3:10pm. The policy is in place for following reasons:

- Distraction of phones on the learning of students
- Privacy of other students/staff and the whole school community and the issues around the use of mobile phones/smart devices at school
- Safety issues around the use of mobile phones/smart devices at school, for example they can be lost and damaged. The school will not take responsibility if they are lost, damaged or stolen while at school.
- Cyber bullying and inappropriate use of the mobile phone/smart device.
- Students who feel unwell MUST contact home via the Front Office, NOT use their mobile phones/smart devices. This allows the first aid people to monitor the sick person while they wait to be collected. It also avoids students leaving the school without a record being made.
- This policy is also in line with the DfE mobile phone policy that states mobile phones are not allowed at any DfE primary school

### **Procedures if students do not comply with this policy**

- Devices will be confiscated and stored safely by the teacher or in the office. The device is to be collected by the student at the end of the day.
- Subsequent occurrences of non-compliance by students may result in the parent having to collect a confiscated device from the school.
- A student may be banned from having a phone/smart device at school.
- Non-compliance/ behaviour policy followed.

We would very much prefer that mobile phones/smart devices were not brought to school but do realise that parents may have the need to keep in contact with their children before and after school.

\*\*\*The only exemption to this policy will be if the device is part of a student's health care plan completed by a doctor.

This policy was last ratified by Governing Council in...

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