

Sawley Junior School



Pupil Use of Mobile Technology Policy

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V0.3	March 2026	NS	Clarifications: return of mobile phones at the end of the day when devices can be switched on. Use of mobile phones at school events

Introduction

At Sawley Junior School, children are permitted to bring mobile technology in the form of a mobile phone to school where possession of a mobile phone would be of significant and demonstrable benefit to the child.

Permission to bring a mobile phone to school are subject to parents/carers being in agreement, and on submission of the request for permission form (*sent out via Forms*).

PLEASE NOTE: No other form of mobile technology is allowed in school – this includes smartwatches and fitness trackers.

Responsibility

Mobile phones, where brought into school, will be the sole responsibility of the child concerned and the school will accept no responsibility for any subsequent damage or loss.

Mobile phones must be switched off at the school gate and handed to the class teacher on entry into school. They will be securely stored throughout the day and are not permitted to be turned on or used while on site. Devices will be returned to pupils as they leave at home time. Teachers will do this at the door thresholds. Phones must remain switched off until children have fully left the school grounds.

Mobile phones must not be used at school events that take place outside of normal school hours (eg, Parents' Evenings, school fairs).

Breaches of the Policy

Any child who brings a phone to school without having submitted a parent request for permission form will have their device confiscated and kept by the school until appropriate arrangements can be made for the collection of device by a parent/carer.

Mobile phones and other mobile technology are named as 'prohibited items' in our Behaviour Policy which states:

"Headteachers and staff they authorise have a statutory power to search a pupil or their possessions where they have reasonable grounds to suspect that the pupil may have a prohibited item listed below.

Under common law, school staff have the power to search a pupil for any item if the pupil agrees. The member of staff should ensure the pupil understands the reason for the search and how it will be conducted so that their agreement is informed.

See [Searching, Screening and Confiscation Advice for Schools](#) (July 2022) for further information."

Any child found to be inappropriately using a mobile phone, other mobile technology device or smart watch will have their device confiscated and kept by the school until appropriate arrangements can be made for the collection of device by a parent/carer.

The child will not be able to bring any mobile technology device into school from this point and will be dealt with in accordance with the school's Behaviour Policy.

Under no circumstances should a mobile phone be used by children to record still or video images, or to record audio whilst on the school premises.

Parents/Carers who need to contact their child in the case of an emergency should always do so by phoning the school office.

Associated Policies:

- Safeguarding & Child protection
- Pupil Acceptable Use Policy - Safer Computing – being wise, keeping safe
- Online Safety Policy
- Behaviour Policy