

Addition to mobile devices policy and acceptable use policy 26.01.26

Following the publication of updated government guidance regarding the use of mobile phones in schools (available at: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/mobile-phones-in-schools>), All Saints Church School has reviewed and clarified its expectations for pupils, staff, and visitors with respect to mobile devices and smart technology on the school site.

Pupils

Mobile Phones

Pupils are not permitted to bring mobile phones onto the school premises. If a pupil is found to be in possession of a mobile phone, the device will be confiscated immediately and secured in the office safe for the remainder of the day. Parents or carers will be notified and asked to ensure that the device is not brought back into school.

Smart watches

Smart watches, including those with restricted or educational settings, are not permitted in school. If a pupil is found with a smart watch, it will be confiscated and stored securely in the office safe until the end of the school day. Parents or carers will be informed and required to ensure that the device is not returned to school.

Adults (staff, volunteers and visitors)

Mobile phones

Adults may bring mobile phones onto the school site; however, the following conditions apply:

- Mobile phones must be stored securely, such as in a locked cupboard within the classroom, a personal locker, or an office area inaccessible to pupils.

- Mobile phones may only be used within the staff room or other designated staff areas.
- Personal mobile phones must not be used in classrooms, corridors, playgrounds, or any other areas where pupils are present. This includes use on coaches and during school trips, unless the phone is being used to contact the school.

Smart watches

Adults are permitted to wear smart watches on site under the following conditions:

- The device settings must be restricted so that the watch cannot capture images during school hours. Adults must be prepared to demonstrate compliance if requested.
- Smart watches must not be used in classrooms or in the presence of pupils.
- Smart watches may only be used within the staff room or designated staff areas.
- Smart watches must never be used for photography or video recording anywhere on the school site.

If any member of staff has concerns that another adult is misusing a mobile or smart device, they have a duty to report the concern to the Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL) without delay.