

Goodlyburn Primary School Position Statement on Mobile Phone Usage:

Rationale

As mobile phone ownership rises across all age groups, many pupils, including younger school children, now bring their phones to school. While we acknowledge that some parents want their children to have mobile phones for communication and safety, their use in school can interfere with the learning environment and impact privacy. This policy outlines expectations to promote responsible phone use during school hours.

Objectives of the Mobile Phone Policy

- To ensure a safe and focused environment for all pupils and staff.

Policy Guidelines

Pupil Responsibilities

- Pupils are permitted to bring a mobile phone to school under the understanding that it will not be used during school hours.
- Mobile phones must be switched off upon arrival and handed to a designated teacher for secure storage.
- The teacher will store phones safely and return them at the end of the school day.
- Any form of bullying, harassment, or misuse via phone (including messages, photos, or emails) is strictly prohibited and will result in appropriate consequences.
- If a pupil needs to contact their parents during school hours, they may do so through the school office.

Staff Responsibilities

- Staff members are responsible for collecting pupils' phones at the start of the day and storing them securely.
- Phones will be returned to pupils at the end of the school day.

Parental Responsibilities

- We ask parents to review and discuss this policy with their children to ensure they understand and follow these guidelines.
- If you need to contact your child during school hours, please contact us through the school office, and the message will be passed along.

By working together, we can ensure a safe, respectful, and uninterrupted learning environment for all pupils.

Thank you for your cooperation and support.