



FIR BANK PRIMARY

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Mobile Phone Expectations for Pupils- September 2026

Dear Parents/Carers,

Following the publication of the 'Department of Education Statutory Guidance about mobile phones in schools' document, this letter has been created to outline the policy at our school.

At Fir Bank Primary School, the safety and wellbeing of our children are paramount. We recognise that, in exceptional circumstances, some Year 6 pupils may need to bring a mobile phone to school, for example if they walk home independently at the end of the day. To ensure that mobile phones are used safely and appropriately, the following rules must be followed at all times:

Year 6 Pupils Only

- Only Year 6 pupils may bring a mobile phone to school and only in exceptional circumstances, such as walking home independently.
- Prior arrangements must be made with the school office before a child brings a mobile phone into school.
- No pupils in any other year group are permitted to bring a mobile phone to school.

On Arrival at School

- Mobile phones must be switched off before entering the school premises.
- Phones must be handed directly to the class teacher at the start of the school day.
- Mobile phones will then be stored securely in the school safe throughout the day.

During the School Day

Mobile phones must not be kept on a child's person or used anywhere on the school site. If a mobile phone is found in a child's bag or possession during the school day, it will be confiscated and given to Mrs McLaughlin.

In these circumstances, the phone will remain in school until it is collected by the child's parent or carer.

End of the School Day

Mobile phones will be returned to pupils at the end of the school day before they leave the premises.





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Failure to Follow These Rules

Failure to adhere to these expectations may result in a pupil losing the privilege of bringing a mobile phone to school.

For further information regarding mobile phones in schools, please refer to the Department for Education guidance on mobile phones in schools [Mobile phones in schools - GOV.UK](https://www.gov.uk/guidance/mobile-phones-in-schools)

Thank you for your support in helping us maintain a safe and focused learning environment for all pupils.

Yours sincerely,

Rachael McLaughlin
Headteacher