Hall Meadow Primary School

Mobile Phone Policy

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Hall Meadow Primary School is committed to ensuring the welfare and safety of all our children in school. We believe that pupils have a right to learn in a supportive, caring and safe environment which includes the right to protection from all types of abuse. All of our school policies and procedures reflect this priority.

Respect **Responsibility** **Resilience**

INCLUSION **INVOLVEMENT** **INTEGRITY** **INITIATIVE** **INSPIRING**

Mobile Phone Policy

This policy outlines the acceptable use of mobile phones by pupils at Hall Meadow Primary School in the context of safeguarding.

Hall Meadow Primary School discourages pupils from bringing mobile phones to school.

However, we do understand that in exceptional circumstances, pupils in Year 5 and 6 may need to bring a mobile phone to school.

If parents want their children to bring a phone it is on the understanding that they adhere to the following:

- Parents must complete a 'Consent Form' (see Appendix 1).
- Mobile phones must be switched off at all times during the school day and must remain off once the child is on school premises with the exception of medical use.
- It is not permitted to film or take photographs of anyone on the school grounds.
- All mobile phones will be named/made distinguishable and handed into the school reception at the beginning of the school day and collected at the end of the school day. These will then be kept securely in the School Office until they are collected.
- The school will not be held responsible for the security of a mobile phone brought into school.

The school reserves the right to withdraw this consent should a pupil be found to be using their mobile phone inappropriately.

Appendix 1

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Children are not encouraged to bring mobile phones into school. However, an exception may be made for children who have a valid reason to be bringing a mobile phone to school.

If you feel your child has a valid reason to be bringing their mobile phone to school, please complete the following:

Name of child	
Class	
Make/Model of phone	
Reason for bringing to school	

Children bringing mobile phones to school must ensure:

- Phones are clearly marked with the child's full name (written on a piece of paper inside the case is fine).
- Phones are always switched off whilst on the school grounds (not on silent)
- Phones are given to the office each day and stored in a secure place
- Phones are not to be used for any purpose including phoning, texting, photography or surfing the internet whilst on school premises.

If a child breaches these rules, the phone will be confiscated and given to the main office. It will be returned to child after a discussion with parents.

Mobile phones must not be used in ***or out of school**** in an inappropriate manned that involves any member of our school community. This could include:
Sharing inappropriate content with other children
Showing inappropriate content to other children
Forwarding or authoring offensive or slanderous messages.

NB: Schools now have a legal duty to act upon behaviour taking place out of school that impacts on another child or a member of our staff.

Emergencies
If a child needs to contact his/her parents/carers during school time, a member of staff will make the call from a school phone.
If parents need to contact their child urgently, they should phone the school office and a message will be relayed promptly.
Responsibility for mobile phones
The school accepts no responsibility for theft, loss, damage or health effects relating to mobile phones. Any phone brought to school is the responsibility of the child and their parent/carer.

Parents/Carers
I have read and understood this agreement and the school's policies on mobile phones.

Name:	Signature:	Date:

Pupil

I have read and understood this agreement and the school's policies on mobile phones.

Name:	Signature:	Date: