



Sandford St. Martin's
P R I M A R Y S C H O O L

Pupils' Mobile Phone / Smart Device Policy 2023-24

Our mission statement: Learn Love Laugh

Safeguarding

If there are any Safeguarding issues that arise from the implementation of this policy, then they should be dealt with in accordance with the School's Safeguarding policy. Any safeguarding concerns should be referred directly to the School by telephone or in person for the attention of the Designated Safeguarding Lead along with any concerns relating to the Prevent Strategy.

Equality

This policy should be read in conjunction with the School's Equality Policy. The general equality duty requires that, in the exercise of their functions, schools must have due regard to the need to eliminate unlawful discrimination, harassment, victimisation and other conduct prohibited by the Equality Act 2010. This school endeavours to advance equality of opportunity and foster good relations for all.

Pupils' personal devices

- The School strongly advises that pupil mobile phones/smart watches/tablets/MP3 players should not be brought into school. The school takes no responsibility for loss or damage of any personal devices brought to school.
- The School accepts that there may be particular circumstances in which a parent or carer wishes their child to have a mobile phone for their own safety, or for medical needs.
- No pupil should use their mobile phone or personally-owned device in school or the school grounds. Any personal devices used in school or the school grounds by a pupil will be confiscated and will be held in a secure place in the school office. Mobile phones and devices will be released at the end of the day.
- Pupil mobile phones/smart watches/tablets/MP3 players should be handed to the class teacher upon arrival – this also includes children-only events at the school, during or after hours. Pupils found in possession of a mobile phone and or smart device during the school day will have the device confiscated and it will be held in the school office until the end of the day.
- If a pupil needs to contact their parents or carers, they will be allowed to use a school phone. Parents or carers are advised not to contact their child via their mobile phone during the school day, but to contact the school office.
- Pupils should protect their phone numbers by only giving them to trusted friends and family members. Pupils will be instructed in safe and appropriate use of mobile phones and personally-owned devices and will be made aware of boundaries and consequences.
- Pupils will be provided with school iPads/cameras/notebooks/laptops to use in specific learning activities under the supervision of a member of staff. Such devices will be set up so that only those features required for the activity will be enabled.
- If a pupil has sent an inappropriate message or photo to another student at any time and the matter is brought to the attention of the school then the school safeguarding protocol will be followed and Parents/carers immediately informed.

Parents will be informed of the policy via:

The school website

The school newsletter



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