



EAST LINTON PRIMARY SCHOOL **MOBILE PHONE POLICY**

AIMS AND PURPOSES

Parents/Carers should discourage pupils from bringing mobile phones to school on the grounds that they are valuable and may be lost or damaged.

However, we recognise that mobile phones may have a part to play in securing pupils' personal safety before and after school and on journeys to and from school. Moreover, a ban would be difficult to enforce and would not be consistent with the aim of developing a culture of responsible use of mobile phone and other digital devices by pupils. If a pupil needs to contact his/her parents/carers they will be allowed to use a school phone. If parents need to contact children urgently they should phone the school office and a message will be relayed promptly.

Under no circumstances will pupils be allowed to take mobile phones on school excursions.

PROCEDURES

Where parents/carers have given permission for their child to bring a mobile phone to school they do so entirely at their own risk. The school accepts no responsibility for any loss or damage whilst the device is on school premises. A copy of this policy will be shared with all staff/parents/pupils.

Pupils

Where a pupil does bring a mobile phone to school, the phone must remain switched off during the school day and may not be used for any purpose on school premises or during off-site school activities (such as swimming or sports).

The phone should be given to class teacher or school office at 08:50a.m. It will be returned at 3:15p.m. Under no circumstances should there be access to phones during the school day or should they be left in pupils' bags, coats or folders.

