

## ST MARY'S C.E. PRIMARY SCHOOL

In Partnership with St Helen's Primary School



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## Dear families,

St Mary's recognises that on some occasions it may be helpful for a pupil to bring a mobile phone into school, for instance, if they walk to school unaccompanied or they are being collected by a different carer. This agreement outlines how pupil's phones will be managed within school so that they do not cause a disruption to children's learning.

Please remember that a parent's principle means of communicating with a child during the school hours is via the school office. Children will not have the opportunity to look at their phones before leaving school.

## Our Mobile Phone Charter

- All pupils bringing a phone into school must have a good reason for doing so and must have returned the slip or responded to the Google Form (QR code).
- St Mary's will help children to learn about staying safe online, but recognise that the primary responsibility for
  online safety at home lies with parents/carers. St Mary's seek to work with families to help them to encourage
  children to adopt safe use of mobile technology.
- Children should be reminded not to take photos or videos of people without asking and should never take them on their way into or out of school. This is because some children are not allowed to have their picture taken.
- All phones should be turned off before entering the school grounds. They must be handed directly to the School Office as soon as they enter the school.
- Mobile phones will be given back to children at the end of the day. They must not be turned on until the child leaves the school grounds.
- St Mary's cannot accept responsibility for damage to or loss of a mobile phone brought into school.
- Whilst smart watches are permitted, they must not connect to phones during the school day.
- Children not following the charter will not be allowed to bring a phone into school. Any phones brought in without permission or not handed to the teacher/ta will be confiscated and only returned to a parent/carer.

Families may want to look on <u>www.internetmatters.org</u> for more information on parental controls and find out more information on staying safe online.

Please return the attached agreement or complete the Google form via the QR code.

Yours sincerely,

Bethan Scriven Headteacher

2025/2026 Mobile Phone Permission
Name of child:
Class:
Reason for needing mobile phone in school:
<b>Parent/career:</b> I confirm that I have explained the school charter regarding mobile phones to my child and confirm that they may take their phone into school on that basis.
Parent signature:
Child: I will follow the school mobile phone charter.
Child signature:

Scan the QR code to complete a digital version of the form <u>here.</u>