



All Hallows RC High School

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Mobile Phone Policy

Dear Parents/Carers

As you will be aware mobile phones have always been banned from being used during the school day and whilst on the school premises. Our policy is that if a mobile phone is seen, heard or used it is immediately confiscated by staff until the end of the day. Our policy is in line with DfE guidance that all schools now follow.

We do understand that mobile phones and technology are now a key part of modern life. Most pupils own a mobile phone with access to the internet and for safety reasons pupils will carry a mobile phone to contact home after or before school. However, mobile phones can and often do lead to several problems in school such as filming, disruption to lessons and inappropriate usage of the internet and social media leading to potential safeguarding issues. Recently, we have seen an increase in these issues.

At All Hallows we teach our pupils about the safeguarding risks of mobile devices and social media and the impact it can have on themselves and others in our school community. Unfortunately, some of our pupils still choose to make poor decisions. We are currently looking at ways in which we can further prevent issues arising with the use of mobile phones.

I am asking all parents/carers to support us with our drive to prevent any use of mobile phones during the school day. Please do not contact your child via mobile phone during the school day, instead we ask that you contact the school reception or send an email to enquiries@allhallowsrc.co.uk so that we can ensure your child receives your message. We already have it in our behaviour policy that pupils are not permitted to contact parents during the school day via the use of their mobile phone. In addition, I also ask that you regularly check your child's mobile phone and ensure that they have the necessary privacy settings to prevent them from engaging in risk taking behaviour; regular monitoring of their mobile devices will support them to be safe.

I understand how complex monitoring the use of mobile devices and social media can be for parents/carers due to the ever changing technology that children can access and use. It is our children that often teach us how to use the varying social media platforms and this can only be done through honest and open discussions with your child. We regularly send out help and advice sheets regarding social media platforms and I strongly encourage you to read through this information.

There is a wide range of information available to you as parents and carers regarding online safety. We would like to recommend the following as great sources of information to both you and your child/children.

- [A Complete Guide to Potentially Dangerous Apps for Kids - FamilyEducation](#)
- [Keeping children safe online | NSPCC](#)
- [Parents and Carers - UK Safer Internet Centre](#)
- [Keep Children Safe Online: Information, Advice, Support - Internet Matters](#)
- [Parents and carers | CEOP Education \(thinkuknow.co.uk\)](#)

If you need help and support in setting up parental controls, here is a link to step-by-step guide which walks you through the instructions for a range of different devices:

[Parental Controls on Smartphones & Other Devices - Internet Matters](#)

We want to ensure that All Hallows is a school where pupils can learn without distraction and develop socially and emotionally without the use of mobile phones.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours faithfully



Mrs E Walker

Headteacher