

The Mobile Phone and Wearable Technology Policy relating to



Kendall Church of England
Primary School

This policy was first written in consultation with Governors staff, and parents during the Summer Term 2021. It has subsequently been updated to reflect the Governors Statement of Behaviour Principles (2024).

The term 'phone' in this policy denotes mobile phones and all other portable digital devices including wearable technology such as smartwatches. The School recognises that mobile phones, cameras and digital devices are now an integral part of our culture.

Unfortunately, due to the age of the children at our primary school and the way that this technology has been used by pupils in our setting prior to this policy being published, the school will no longer allow phones or wearable technology to be bought into school by pupils.

While we play our part seriously in educating children in the safe use of technology, we do not believe that having a phone or wearable technology in school is a necessary part of this education. How children use their phones and technology outside of school and put into practise what we have taught them in our computing and Personal Development (PD) curriculum is important, and parents need to play a part in supporting the school by ensuring they monitor their child's use of technology and mobile phones as part of their ongoing parental responsibility.

We understand that parents perceive that having a mobile phone gives a child safety on their way to and from school. As a primary school of younger children, we would argue that if parents do not feel their child is going to be safe to walk to or from school without a mobile phone, then they should be ensuring that their child is dropped off and collected by a responsible person to keep them safe.

Should a child be found with mobile phone or wearable technology on them in school, a member of staff will confiscate the device and return it to the parent of the child at the end of the week. If a child repeatedly brings a device into school, staff will confiscate it and will return it to the parent of the child at the end of term or academic year.

While we understand that for a small minority of parents, this policy will not be welcome, we hope you will support the school in trying to do our best in our efforts to ensure that lessons run smoothly without interruptions, and to keep our children safe from harm.