



13th September 2023

Pupils Bringing Mobile Phones to School

Dear Parent/Carer,

The school strongly discourages children bringing their mobile phone into school. However, we acknowledge that there may be a small number of occasions where parents prefer their child to carry a mobile phone to and from school. Previously, children have been told to keep their mobile phones in their bags. However, this procedure has now changed.

Before your child brings their phone into school, a request must be made from a parent/carers using the following MS Forms: <https://forms.office.com/r/ac50ppXJjJ> After you have completed the MS Forms, please email the school office to notify me.

Upon receipt of this, a member of school staff will contact you to approve or deny the request. If the request is approved, your child will be permitted to bring their mobile phone into school. When arriving at school, children must turn off their phone and present it to their class teacher, who will place it out of sight within the classroom. At the end of the day, children should ask to have their phone returned to them from their teacher.

Children **must not** use their mobile phone for any purpose whilst on school grounds (within the green, exterior fence). Whilst outside of school, children should continue to comply with the school's acceptable use policy – see below.

Please be aware that the school cannot be held accountable for any loss or damage to a child's mobile phone.

Yours faithfully,

Mr Dransfield
Upper Key Stage 2 Leader



Bramcote Hills Primary School

I understand that my child must adhere to the following rules and have discussed them with my child:

- The mobile phone must be switched off or put onto silent and submitted to the teacher on entry to the classroom;
- Children are not permitted to login to the school's Wi-Fi;
- Children must not take any photos or recordings in school;
- No photos, videos or recordings must be sent whilst in school;
- Children must not browse the internet or operate any apps whilst in school;
- If a child uses their phone for any purposes which the school decides is inappropriate or bullying, they will be dealt with within the framework of the school's discipline policy. Some offences, such as upskirting, are a criminal offence and could result in the school contacting the police;
- The school reserves the right, if they so wish, to administer sanctions for children's use of mobile phones on the way to and from school – although responsibility for this behaviour lies with the child and the parent;
- If a child is deemed to have broken the rules surrounding mobile phone usage, the school reserves the right to confiscate the phone and, in most cases, this would require collecting by the parent from the school office. In some cases, it may be necessary to withhold the mobile phone so that it can be handed over to the police as evidence.