



Delves Lane Primary School

Use of Mobile Phones by pupil

The DfE's non-statutory mobile phone guidance says that pupils should not use mobile phones throughout the school day.

Pupils should not use their mobile phones during the school day, including during lessons, in the time between lessons, at breaktimes and at lunchtimes.

Our school's approach to pupils bringing mobile phones to school.

- Pupils are ONLY allowed to bring mobile phones into school if they are walking to or from school without a parent or carer and have walk home consent
- Staff will collect and store mobile phones when a pupil arrives to school

Smartwatches

The DfE's [non-statutory mobile phone guidance](#) includes in the term 'mobile phones' all devices with communications and smart technology that the school chooses to include in their policy.

Our school's approach to smartwatches

- Pupils are not allowed to wear Smartwatches at school
- Smartwatches will be confiscated by a member of staff and stored until a parent/carers can collect from the school office

Exceptions for special circumstances

- Whether some pupils are allowed to bring a mobile phone to school (if you ban them from the premises) or use it in school, and in what circumstances. For instance:
 - Pupils travelling to school by themselves, who have already requested Walk Home Consent
 - Pupils with diabetes who use their phones to monitor their blood sugars

DLPS may permit pupils to use a mobile phone in school, due to exceptional circumstances. This will be considered on a case-by-case basis. To request such permission, pupils or parents/carers should contact the Headteacher, Mrs Woods.

Any pupils who are given permission must then adhere to the school's code of conduct/acceptable use agreement.

Sanctions

- Mobile Phones found with a pupil in school will be confiscated. This is set out under [sections 91 and 94](#) of the Education and Inspections Act 2006)
- If they are confiscated, the pupil's parent or carer will be able to collect the phone from the school office at the end of the school day.

The DfE guidance [DfE's guidance on searching, screening and confiscation](#) allows school to search a pupil's phone if there is a good reason to do so, such as the phone contains images that breach school policies.

DLPS will also consider whether:

- There are any relevant special circumstances (for example, age, religious requirements, special educational needs, disability)
- The pupil's behaviour may indicate they may be suffering, or at risk of, harm. If this is suspected, staff will follow the appropriate procedure set out in Part 1 of [Keeping Children Safe in Education](#)

Certain types of conduct, bullying or harassment can be classified as criminal conduct. The school takes such conduct extremely seriously and will involve the police or other agencies as appropriate.

Such conduct includes, but is not limited to:

- Sexting (consensual and non-consensual sharing nude or semi-nude images or videos)
- Upskirting
- Threats of violence or assault
- Abusive calls, emails, social media posts or texts directed at someone on the basis of someone's ethnicity, religious beliefs or sexual orientation