

Ashgrove Primary School

# Mobile Phones

## Policy

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# Policy on the Use of Mobile Phones in School

## Rationale

We live in a society that increasingly uses information and communication for both work and leisure and the mobile phone has become a common feature of our times. Many children have been given mobile phones and are regular users.

In some cases parents have supplied their children with mobile phones for calling taxis or for the security of keeping in touch with home as they travel to and from school.

During the school day, however, mobile phones are not required as staff caring for the children will make any necessary contacts in relation to health, behaviour and work. Mobile phones can be a distraction from settled behaviour and work, whether text messages, ringing tones or conversations. In some schools they have also led to arguments and difficulties in the playground. They should be switched off in school.

## Routine

- Mobile phones will only be brought to school for use on the journeys to and from school.
- Children will keep mobile phones switched off and in their bags while in the school building, the playground and the grounds or on educational visits.
- Children bringing mobile phones to school will only do so with permission from their parents.
- Any mobile phone brought into school is at the owner's risk. The school will not be responsible for any theft or damage of a mobile phone.

## Review

This policy will be reviewed annually.