Hasland Infant & Nursery School

Use of Mobile Phones in school Policy - Children

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1. Introduction and aims

At Hasland Infant & Nursery School we recognise that mobile phones, including smart phone watches, are an important part of everyday life for our children, parents and staff, as well as the wider school community.

Our policy aims to:

- Promote, and set an example for, safe and responsible phone use
- Set clear guidelines for the use of mobile phones for children, staff, parents, visitors and volunteers
- Support the school's other policies, especially those related to child protection.

This policy also aims to address some of the challenges posed by mobile phones in school, such as:

- Risks to child protection
- Data protection issues
- Risk of theft, loss, or damage
- Appropriate use of technology in the classroom

2. Roles and responsibilities

2.1 Staff

All staff (including teachers, support staff, and supply staff) are responsible for enforcing this policy.

Volunteers, or anyone else otherwise engaged by the school, must alert a member of staff if they witness, or are aware of, a breach of this policy.

The headteacher is responsible for monitoring the policy every 2 years and holding staff and pupils accountable for its implementation.

2.2 Governors

The governors are responsible for reviewing and approving this policy every 2 years.

3. Use of mobile phones by pupils

Children at Hasland Infant & Nursery School are NOT allowed to bring a mobile phones, smart watches or any electronic device to school.

3.1 Sanctions

- If a child does bring a device to school this will be confiscated. (Schools are permitted to confiscate phones from children under sections 91 and 94 of the Education and Inspections Act 2006)
- Parents will then be contacted and asked to collect the device from school office at the end of the school day.

Staff do have the power to search childrens' phones, as set out in the DfE's guidance on searching, screening and confiscation. The DfE guidance allows staff to search a childs's phone if you have reason to believe the

phone contains pornographic images, or if it is being/has been used to commit an offence or cause personal injury.

Such conduct includes, but is not limited to:

- Sexting
- 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

4. Monitoring and review

The school is committed to ensuring that this policy has a positive impact of children's education, behaviour and welfare. When reviewing the policy, the school will take into account:

- Feedback from parents and children
- Feedback from teachers
- Records of behaviour and safeguarding incidents
- Relevant advice from the Department for Education, the local authority or other relevant organisations