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Children's use of mobile phones, devices and smart watches policy

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Children's Acceptable Use of Mobile Phones/Devices/Smart Watches Policy

We implement this mobile phone policy in line with the recommendations in the Department for Education's non-statutory guidance (Mobile Phones in School Guidance, 2024).

For the purpose of this policy a Smart Watch is defined as a wearable device that looks like a traditional wristwatch but includes advanced features such as:

- Notifications (calls, texts, emails)
- Apps and connectivity (Bluetooth, Wi-Fi, GPS)
- Integration with smartphones for added functionality
- Ability to take or display images or video
- Capability to record audio

Electronic watches which display time functions, touch-screen capability and/or fitness tracking are allowed within school, as long as they don't have any of the features listed above.

At Holsworthy Primary School, children in Year 5 and Year 6 may bring a mobile phone or Smart Watch to school, provided that parents or carers agree and believe it would benefit the child either before or after school.

Children in classes from Nursery - Year 4 are not permitted to bring a mobile phone or Smart Watch to school.

Mobile phones or Smart Watches, where brought into school, will be the sole responsibility of the child concerned, and the school will accept no responsibility for any subsequent damage or loss.

Mobile phones and Smart Watches must be switched off and handed to the school office on entry into school and will not be allowed to be used during the school day.

Any child found to be inappropriately using a mobile phone or Smart Watch will have their device confiscated and kept by the school until appropriate arrangements can be made for the collection of the device by a parent/carers. This will be followed up with the child in accordance with the school's Relationships Policy.

If a child repeatedly brings a mobile phone or smart watch to school and refuses to hand this into the office, then they will be banned from bringing their device into school.

Under no circumstances should a mobile phone or Smart Watch be used by children to record still or video images, or to record audio whilst on the school premises.

Parents/Carers who need to contact their child in the case of an emergency should always do so by phoning the school office.

While the use of mobile phones and smartwatches is restricted during school hours, we recognise their significance in students' daily lives. To support safe and responsible use, guidance is integrated into our PSHE curriculum, and we provide parents with advice on monitoring and managing their children's access to smart devices.

This Policy must be read in conjunction with:

- E-Safety Policy
- Relationships Policy