Amport CE (Aided) Primary School

Mobile Phone Policy

September 2026

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Aims

Amport CE Primary School is committed to providing a calm, safe and supportive environment in which all pupils can learn and flourish. This policy sets out the school's approach to mobile phones and other personal smart devices.

Expectations

The school is a mobile phone-free environment during the school day.

This policy applies to mobile phones and other smart technology capable of communication, internet access, messaging, photography, video recording or receiving notifications.

Pupils

- Pupils should not bring mobile phones to school unless exceptional circumstances have been agreed by the Headteacher.
- Where a mobile phone is authorised, it must be switched off before entering the school site and handed to the school office immediately on arrival.
- Mobile phones will be stored securely by the school and returned at the end of the school day.
- Mobile phones and smart devices must not be used at any point during the school day, including lessons, breaktimes, lunchtime, educational visits and extracurricular activities unless expressly authorised by a member of staff for educational purposes.

Smart Watches

- Smart watches capable of messaging, calling, photographing, recording or accessing the internet are not permitted.
- Basic watches without communication functions may be worn.

Staff and Visitors

- Staff must follow the Staff Code of Conduct and safeguarding procedures regarding the use of personal devices.
- Personal devices must never be used to photograph, record or communicate with pupils.
- Visitors should keep mobile phones on silent and use them only in staff-designated areas.

Safeguarding

The unauthorised use of mobile phones or smart devices may place children and adults at risk. Photographing, filming, recording or sharing images of pupils, staff or visitors without permission is prohibited.

Reasonable adjustments will be considered where a pupil's medical needs, SEND or safeguarding circumstances require access to a mobile device.

Breaches of the Policy

Where a pupil breaches this policy, the device may be confiscated and securely stored by the school. Parents or carers may be required to collect the device. Any sanctions will be proportionate and applied in accordance with the school's Behaviour Policy.

Serious incidents involving photography, recording, cyberbullying or inappropriate online activity will be managed in line with the school's Behaviour Policy and Child Protection and Safeguarding Policy.

Monitoring and Review

This policy will be reviewed annually by the Governing Board.

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Next review Date: September 2028