



The Sherwood School

Mobile Phone Charter for Pupils

The Sherwood School recognises that it may be helpful for a pupil to bring a mobile phone into school if they walk to school or home unaccompanied. This is solely for children in Years 5 or 6. Should children in lower year groups bring a mobile phone into school, we will hold it securely in the office until it is collected by an adult. We believe that pupil use of a mobile phone during the school day is unnecessary and this agreement outlines how pupil phones will be managed within our school.

Our Pupil Mobile Phone Charter states that:

- All pupils bringing a phone into school must have returned this agreement.
- The school will help children to learn about staying safe online, but recognises that the primary responsibility for **online safety at home** lies with parents/carers. The school will seek to work with families to help them to encourage children to adopt safe use of mobile technology.
- Children not following these rules will not be allowed to bring a phone into school. Any phone brought in without permission will be confiscated and only returned to a parent or carer.
- Children should never take photographs or videos of children, especially on the way into or out of school. This is because some children are not allowed to have their picture taken.
- All phones should be turned off before handing in to the class teacher or teaching assistant.
- The school cannot accept responsibility for damage or loss of a mobile phone brought into school.
- The school has the right to confiscate or search a mobile phone. In the unlikely event of needing to do this, we will endeavour to contact a parent or carer. As part of this agreement, your child should agree to unlock the phone if required by a member of staff.

Parents may want to look at the advice on www.internetmatters.org which explains how to add some parental controls to the phone and gives advice on how to keep children safe.

Please sign and return the agreement attached.

Mrs Samouel
Headteacher



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Name of Child: _____

Reason for needing a mobile phone in school: _____

Parent/Carer: I confirm that I have explained the school expectations regarding mobile phone use to my child and confirm that they may take a mobile phone into school on that basis.

Parent/Carer signature _____ **Date** _____

Pupil: I will follow the school mobile phone charter.

Pupil signature _____ **Date** _____

Our school online safety lead is Mr Carrascal and our Designated Safeguarding Lead is Mrs Samouel. Do contact them via the school office if you have any concerns regarding online safety.

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