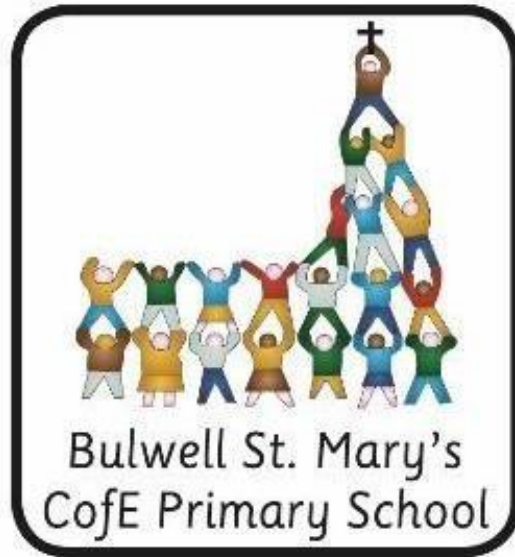




Bulwell St. Mary's C of E Primary School

Mobile Phone Policy

2022

Vision

Creating & inspiring a community where everyone recognises their self-worth as a unique child of God. Here we aim to develop a love of learning that enthuses and ignites hope for the future.

As the Angel Gabriel said to St. Mary:

"Nothing is impossible with God." Luke 1: 37

Mission

To ensure every child flourishes and can explore life in all its fullness.

'I came to give life - life in all its fullness'
John 10:10

Values

We are proud to be a Take Care school where we live out our school values through the four main aspects of Take Care.

Bulwell St. Mary's is a proud Church of England school that develops Christian values and morals. We focus on 6 key values: Respect, Friendship, Courage, Honesty, Forgiveness and Creativity.



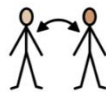
Take Care of Ourselves

Honour God with your body.
1 Corinthians 6:20



Take Care of Each Other

Love your neighbour as yourself.
Matthew 22:39



Take Care of Our Work

Let your good deeds shine out for all to see.
Matthew 5:16



Take Care of our School and World

God took the man and put him in the Garden of Eden to work it and take care of it.
Genesis 2:15



Respect

Do to others as you would like them to do to you.
Luke 6:31



Friendship

Dear friends, since God so loved us, we also ought to love one another.
1 John 4:11



Courage

Be strong and courageous, do not be afraid.
Joshua 1:9



Honesty

Let us tell our neighbours the truth, for we are all parts of the same body.
Ephesians 4:25



Forgiveness

If you forgive others their sins your heavenly Father will also forgive you.
Matthew 6:14



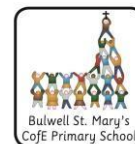
Creativity

We have different gifts according to the grace given to each of us.
Romans 12:6



This allows our children to grow as individuals and interact positively with each other in all situations they encounter. The values are a way of life rather than a set of rules to be followed which allows our children to become respectful, thoughtful, content and happy. Prayer and worship are an important part of our daily school life. Through getting to know Jesus our children learn the importance of love and respect for all, and how these values are reflected in their own behaviour and attitudes.

Our school motto is **'Where Your Journey Begins'**. We look forward to supporting you and your children along that journey.



Bulwell St Marys Mobile Phone Policy

Policy

This policy outlines the appropriate use of mobile phones for children at Bulwell St Marys Primary School.

Rationale

The staff and School Council of Bulwell St Marys Primary School recognise that many children own a mobile phone. We would prefer that they are left at home, however, we can understand in exceptional circumstances that they are a useful aid in terms of the safety and welfare of children during the journey to and from school.

Pupils in Foundation to Year 4 may not bring a phone to school unless under exceptional circumstances and with prior agreement from the Headteacher. Pupils who walk without adult supervision in years 5 and 6 may do so only in compliance with the following guidelines.

Guidelines

Children remain responsible for all of their personal effects whilst at school and when they enter the school grounds the school takes no responsibility for mobile phones. There are no reasons why a child would need to use or have in their possession a mobile phone during the school day. Parents are reminded that the office is always the point of contact to ensure your child is reached quickly and assisted in the appropriate way.

Children are advised that if they bring a mobile phone onto the school grounds during the school day:

Mobile phones will be signed in at the beginning of the school day and signed out once the phone has been received to take home at the end of the day by the child.

- Parents need to complete the Mobile Phone Permission Slip
- The phone must be handed in in a clear plastic bag that has a label indicating the child's name and type of phone.

The phone must be handed in to the class teacher at the beginning of the school day.

- The phones will be secured in the classroom and children can retrieve their phone at the end of the day.
- If a pupil needs to bring a mobile telephone to school for one day in an emergency, parents need to seek verbal permission from the Head or Deputy Head.

Phones must remain **switched off at all times** whilst on the school premises.

Sanctions

In line with our Behaviour and Acceptable Use Policies children who fail to follow these guidelines will have the following sanctions applied:

- Where a pupil is found with a mobile phone during the school day, the phone will be taken from the pupil. Parents will be contacted to collect the phone, (it will not be returned to the pupil).
- If images of other pupils or staff have been taken, the phone will not be returned to the pupil until the images have been removed by an appropriate person.
- A pupil being banned from bringing a mobile phone onto the school grounds.

Inappropriate Use

Generally, a mobile phone will be used inappropriately if it:

- disrupts or is likely to disrupt the learning environment or interfere with the operation of the school; or
- threatens or is likely to threaten the safety or well being of any person; or is in breach of any law.

Inappropriate use of mobile phones will include children using them to bully, intimidate or otherwise harass other people through any SMS or text message, photographic, video or other data transfer system available on the phone.

It should be noted that it is a criminal offence to use a mobile phone to menace, harass or offend another person.

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Bulwell St Marys Mobile Phone Permission Slip

I give permission for my child.....to bring a mobile phone to school as they travel to and from school on their own.

I confirm that my child will hand in their mobile phone to the class teacher at the start of the school day.

I understand that the school will take no responsibility for the phone if it becomes lost or damaged on the school premises.

Signed..... Name.....