

GREAT CHART PRIMARY SCHOOL

Pupil Mobile Phone/ Smart Watch Policy



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A Great Place to Discover and Learn

Vision Statement

A respectful community where we thrive and achieve our full potential as confident life long learners

Mission Statement

Preparing for life in our ever changing world, by providing opportunities to develop core values and a love of learning

Our core value is Respect

Our termly values: Team work, Ambition, Responsibility, Resilience, Kindness & Independence

Pupil Mobile Phone Policy

This Policy explains the rules and procedures regarding the use of pupil mobile phones at Great Chart Primary School

PUPILS

- Pupils are discouraged from bringing mobile phones to school unless it is an absolute necessity. This only applies to Year 6.
- If pupils bring mobile phones to school, the phones must remain in their bags and switched off while pupils are in class, the school building and the school grounds.
- Should parents need to contact pupils this should be done following the usual school procedures: via the school office. (tel no. 01233 620040 or email: office@great-chart.kent.sch.uk)
- When a pupil is found by a member of staff to have their mobile phone out of their bag, the phone will be taken from the pupil, handed to a senior member of staff who will record the name of the child and attach it to the phone. The mobile phone will be stored in the school's safe. Parents will be contacted immediately.
- If a pupil is found taking photographs or video footage with a mobile phone this will be regarded as a serious offence and disciplinary action will be taken according to the School's Behaviour Policy.
- If images of other pupils or teachers have been taken, the phone will not be returned to the pupil until the images have been removed by the pupil in the presence of a teacher. Parents will be contacted immediately.
- Parents are advised that Great Chart Primary School accepts no liability for the loss or damage to mobile phones which are brought into the school or school grounds.
- Smart Watches are not allowed under any circumstances. Watches with no internet access or smart technology are allowed.

This policy supports the school's Health and Safety, Anti-bullying, Child Protection and Internet Acceptable Use policies. It will be monitored, reviewed and amended as required.