

Sand Hutton and Warthill Federated Schools

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

Both schools maintain a strong communicative link with parents through email and telephone. As such messages can be relayed effectively to pupils throughout the school day where required.

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

We are aware of extenuating circumstances and therefore: At Sand Hutton and Warthill Federated Schools children **may** be permitted to bring a mobile phone to school, where parents/carers and school are in agreement, where an arrangement has been made in advance for a special circumstance and where the phone is handed over to school staff at the start of the day. This may include moving between separated parents' homes for example.

Our schools recognise that technology is changing daily and consequently more children are wearing smart watches. 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.

Smart Watches with camera facilities and independent access to the internet must be switched off and handed to the teacher or school office and will not be allowed to be used during the school day.

Smart Watches without independent connectivity and cameras may be worn providing they are being used as normal watches and for no other function beyond telling the time.

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 device by a parent/carer. The child will not be able to bring any mobile device into school from this point.

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.

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