

Kempshott Junior School

Personal Belongings (Including mobile phones and wearable technology)

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Safeguarding Statement

At Kempshott Junior School we respect and value all children and are committed to providing a caring, friendly and safe environment for all our pupils so they can learn, in a relaxed and secure atmosphere. We believe every pupil should be able to participate in all school activities in an enjoyable and safe environment and be protected from harm. This is the responsibility of every adult employed by, or invited to deliver services at Kempshott Junior School. We recognise our responsibility to safeguard all who access school and promote the welfare of all our pupils by protecting them from physical, sexual and emotional abuse, neglect and bullying.

Technology

At Kempshott Junior School we accept that mobile technology is part of the ever changing, digital environment we live and work in. We very much aim to encourage responsible and appropriate use of technology rather than seeking to force unrealistic bans / restrictions.

We are however, very aware of the possible dangers of the misuse of technology, specifically mobile phones and smart watches. This policy therefore aims to provide guidance to staff, pupils and parents. It aims to do this in order that privacy is protected, online safety is preserved and valuable equipment is looked after appropriately.

With the evolution of mobile and wearable technology including camera facilities as standard, it is of the utmost importance that the way we deal with mobile phones and wearable devices in school, is planned for.

Mobile Phones

Kempshott Junior School pupils are permitted to bring a mobile phone to school, to support safety issues if they come to school independently. All mobile phones should be named and handed into the School Office at the beginning of the day and collected at the end of each day.

If parents want their child to bring a phone to school, it is on the understanding that they agree with the following limitation on use, namely:

- Firstly only pupils who will be walking home unaccompanied are permitted to bring their mobile phone into school. For those children who are collected the need for them to make telephone contact will not arise.
- A permission slip (Appendix 1) must be completed before the school will accept receipt of the mobile phone.
- Mobile phones must be switched off before entering the school grounds and remain switched off at all times during the school day.
- Mobile phones must be stored in the School Office until collected at the end of the day.
- It is not permitted to film or photograph anyone on school grounds.
- Content on the phone (e.g. messages, emails, picture, videos, sound files) will be shown to a member of staff if requested, if necessary.

Misuse of Phones

Parents are notified that appropriate action will be taken against those who are in breach of the 'acceptable use guidelines' following the schools Behaviour Policy.

In the case of repeated misuse, the phone will only be returned to a Parent/Carer who will be required to visit the school by appointment to collect the phone. This may be at the end of a week, a Half Term or longer.

Serious misuse may lead to the confiscation of the mobile phone, communication with parents and imposition of other sanctions, up to and including exclusion from school.

If a pupil commits an act which causes serious harassment, alarm or distress to another pupil or member of staff, the parents and the Police will be involved.

Loss or Damage

Parents are advised that Kempshott Junior School takes no responsibility for any loss or damage to mobile phones that are brought into school or onto school grounds.

Wearable Technology

In the last few years there has been a big increase in the accessibility of wearable technology. Smart watches are permitted to be brought into school providing:

- The device does not have the functionality to send messages.
- It is not able to make recordings of any type (audio/visual).

Where devices such as Fitbits are brought into school, parents are reminded that these have to regularly be removed (for example during PE lessons for health and safety) and that the school does not have sufficient resources to ensure these are securely stored. These items are brought in at the child's own risk and Kempshott Junior School does not accept responsibility for loss or damage no matter who was in possession of the device at the time.

Personal Belongings

As a school we recognise the need for pupil's personal development and for them to become independent and organised learners (especially in the upper school where they are preparing for secondary education).

However as the classrooms are busy places it is often easy for their personal belongings to become lost or broken. We therefore ask that children do not bring items into school that are of any financial or sentimental value.

As a school we do not accept any responsibility for the replacement or repair for any possessions brought onto the school grounds. This includes school supplies such as pencil cases and water bottles, but also bigger items such as bikes or scooters. As a school we would always ensure that every pupil has the basic supplies they require to access the lessons (pencils, rubbers etc.).



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Acceptable use of Mobile Phones

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I have read and understood the above policy regarding mobile phones.

I am writing to request permission for my child to bring in a mobile phone for the following reasons:

I have explained the rules regarding mobile phones to my child.

I understand that Kempshott Junior School takes no responsibility for loss or damage at any time.

Signed (Parent/Carer):

Signed (Pupil):

Print Name:

Print Name:

Date:

Class: