

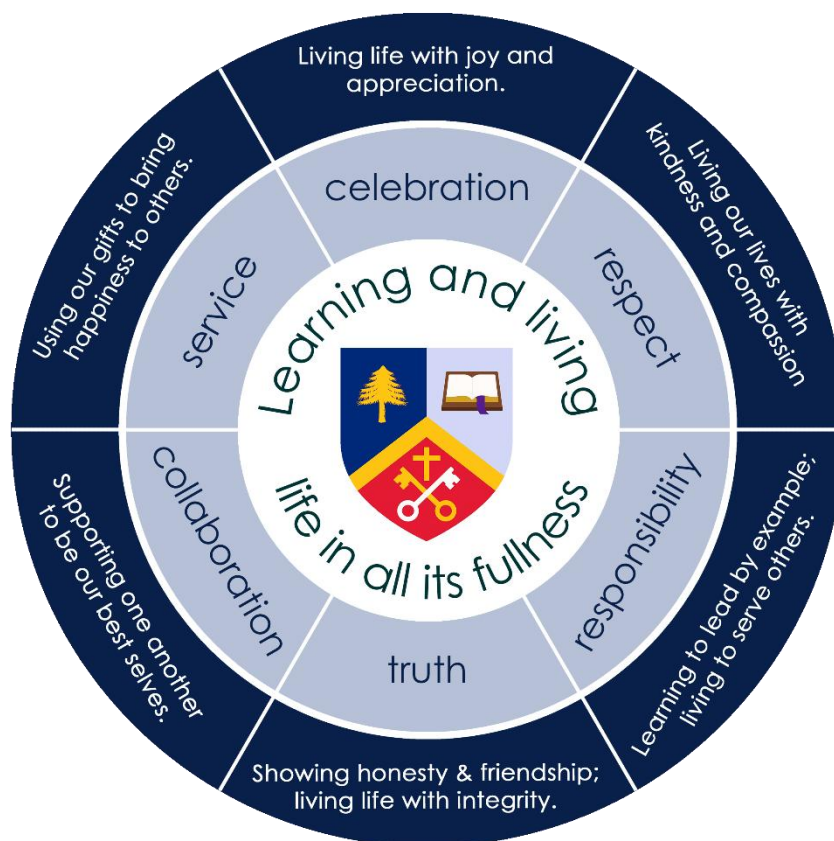


St Peter's CE Junior School

Learning and living life in all its fullness

Mobile Phone Policy

Summer 2026



This school is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment.

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Our Vision and why this policy matters

We aim for St Peter's to be a school where every child is known, valued and supported to live life in all its fullness within a Christian environment as they grow into confident, compassionate and resilient learners.

In that spirit, we want our school to be a safe and focused place where all children can reach their potential with the benefits of great teaching and technology, and the ability to form relationships in-person, living in the moment to enjoy life to the full.

We have always been a mobile-phone-free environment, but we now present our guidance under the framework of new laws- see below.

Background & the law

The Children's Wellbeing and Schools Act, which came into force in June 2026, says:

- Under the Children's Wellbeing and Schools Act, mobile phone bans in England's state-funded schools are now legally mandatory.
- The Rule: Pupils cannot access or use mobile phones and similar smart devices throughout the entire school day, including break times, lunch, and between lessons.
- Enforcement: Ofsted inspectors routinely check for compliance. Schools choose how to enforce this (e.g., using lockable pouches or secure lockers), and relaxed "no-see, no-hear" policies are no longer allowed.
- Exceptions: Schools have limited discretion to permit phone access for specific medical devices or upper sixth-form students.

Our Policy

This policy is based on our existing guidance, found in the parent handbook available on our website and supplied to all new families on joining the school.

<https://www.stpeterscofejuniorschool.co.uk/parentfaq>

Children have no need for a phone where they are picked up by an adult. If, however, it is **essential** for your **Year 5 or 6** child to bring a mobile phone to school, a letter (available on our website) should be signed by a parent to verify that this is the case and that you take responsibility for it whilst in school.

All Year 3 and 4 children are picked up by an adult and have no need at all for a phone; we do not allow younger children to bring phones to school for any reason.

All mobile phones should be switched off for the school day and ideally named. Children with permission hand their phones in during the day- they do not have access to them in school. They are then kept in a code-locked box in each classroom and returned as children leave at the end of the day.

Please note that we cannot guarantee the security of any device brought into school and cannot accept liability for loss or damage. Any phone that is brought into school without permission and a valid reason may be confiscated and returned directly to the parent at the next available opportunity.

Our advice to parents regarding phone use in general at primary age

We highly recommend that, if you regard a phone as necessary for communication for your child, a 'brick' phone is purchased allowing basic communication only. Apps which perform a similar 'lockout' function on smartphones are also available. We do not support any primary child having their own smartphone due to the well-known risks around online safety and screen addiction.