Mobile Phones – Pupils

At Downsway Primary School, for all pupils, we are a mobile-free school.

Children are not permitted to bring mobile phones to school or onto the school grounds. The only exception to this is where a child walks to or from school without an adult and, a parent or carer, would like them to carry a mobile phone for their safety.

If a child walks to or from school independently and a parent/carer would like them to bring a mobile phone to school, a completed mobile phone permission document (see appendix 1) must be returned to the school office before a child is permitted to bring the device into school.

The following procedures must be followed:

- Children must come to the main school office before entering the school playground to hand their mobile phone in at the start of the school day.
- The mobile phone must be switched off before it is handed in.
- The phone will be stored in the school office during the school day and collected by the child at the end of the day.
- Mobile phones should be clearly labelled/marked with the child's name.
- Children must not use their mobile phone at any point during the school day or on the school grounds.
- Parents and carers are advised that Downsway Primary School accepts no liability for the loss of or damage to mobile phones brought onto the school premises or grounds.
- Children must agree to unlock the phone if requested to do so by a member of staff.

Searching and confiscation

The school reserves the right to confiscate or search a mobile phone where this is considered necessary. For example, if a member of staff has reasonable grounds to believe that it has been used during the school day, to record or photograph others without permission, to access inappropriate content, or in connection with a bullying, safeguarding or other serious incident. In the unlikely event that this is required, we will endeavour to contact a parent or carer.

As part of the agreement to bring a mobile phone into school, if a pupil is found by a member of staff to be using a mobile phone, the device will be confiscated and stored in the school office. A parent or carer will then be required to collect the phone at the end of the school day.

Our priority is always to maintain a safe, secure and distraction-free environment in which all of our children can learn and thrive.

Downsway Primary School Mobile Phone Permission Form

At Downsway Primary School, children are not permitted to bring mobile phones to school or onto the school grounds. The only exception is where a child walks to and/or from school without an adult and their parent/carer wishes them to carry a mobile phone for safety purposes.

By signing this form, I confirm to the following conditions:

- You give permission for my child to bring a mobile phone to school for the purpose of travelling safely to and/or from school on their own, without an adult.
- Your child must come to the main school office before entering the school playground to hand their mobile phone in at the start of the school day.
- The mobile phone must be switched off before it is handed in.
- The phone will be stored in the school office during the school day and collected by the child at the end of the day.
- Mobile phones should be clearly labelled/marked with your child's name.
- Children must not use their mobile phone at any point during the school day or on the school grounds.
- Parents and carers are advised that Downsway Primary School accepts no liability for the loss of or damage to mobile phones brought onto the school premises or grounds.
- Your child must agree to unlock the phone if requested to do so by a member of staff.
- Downsway Primary School reserves the right to confiscate or search a mobile phone.
- You understand that permission to bring a mobile phone to school may be withdrawn if these conditions are not followed.

Child's name: _____

Year Group: _____

Mobile phone make/model: _____

Mobile phone colour: _____

Any identifying mark/case: _____

Parent/Carer Agreement

I confirm that I have read and understood the conditions above and give permission for my child to bring a mobile phone to school because they walk to and/or from school without an adult.

Parent/Carer name: _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____

Pupil Agreement

I understand that I am only allowed to bring my mobile phone to school because I walk to/from school without an adult. I agree to hand my phone in to the school office when I arrive, keep it switched off, and not use it during the school day. I understand that the school may confiscate or search my phone if necessary.

Pupil name: _____

Pupil signature: _____

Date: _____