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Felton C of E

Primary School

Mobile Phone Policy

Signed by:

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Date: Autumn 2026

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This policy has been adopted by the Governors, in consultation with the headteacher and teaching staff. It was approved by governors in Summer 2026 and will be reviewed every three years. Next Review Summer 2029.

1. Introduction

Felton C of E Primary School recognises that personal mobile phones and similar devices can be a distraction to learning and can negatively impact pupil wellbeing and behaviour. This policy sets out the school's approach to the use of mobile phones and similar devices during the school day, in line with current UK Government guidance.

2. Purpose

The purpose of this policy is to:

- Ensure a calm, safe and productive learning environment free from distraction.
- Support pupil wellbeing and reduce opportunities for misuse such as bullying or inappropriate content sharing.
- Provide clarity for pupils, parents, carers and staff about expectations regarding mobile phones.

3. Scope

This policy applies to all pupils when they are on the school premises during the school day, including during lessons, between lessons, breaktimes and lunchtimes unless otherwise agreed in exceptional circumstances.

4. Expectations – Pupils

- Pupils **must not use mobile phones or similar devices** during the school day.
- Phones **should not be visible or switched on** while on the school site.
- Pupils who need to bring a phone for safety reasons (for example to contact parents when travelling independently) must **hand it in to the school office upon arrival**, where it will be switched off and stored securely until the end of the school day.
- **Smartwatches and Wearable Technology:** Smartwatches and wearable devices capable of making/receiving calls, sending messages, taking photographs, or connecting to the internet are strictly prohibited for pupil use during the school day.
 - Pupils are permitted to wear traditional analogue or digital watches designed solely for telling the time.
 - Any smartwatches with messaging, call, gaming, or photo capabilities must be switched off on arrival and handed into the school office at the start of the school day.
- Exceptions may be made for pupils with **specific medical or additional needs**, agreed in advance with the Headteacher.

5. Expectations – Parents and Carers

Parents and carers should:

- Support the school's mobile phone policy.
- Communicate with pupils via the school office when necessary during the school day.
- Discuss any requests for exemption with the Headteacher prior to the child bringing a phone to school.

6. Sanctions

- If a pupil is found using a phone during the school day contrary to this policy, the device will be **confiscated** and taken to the school office.
- Confiscated devices will be returned to the pupil at the end of the school day.
- Repeated breaches may result in further consequences in line with the school's behaviour policy.

7. Staff Use of Mobile Phones

- Staff **should not use personal mobile phones for private use in front of pupils** during the school day. Local arrangements (e.g. in staff rooms or non-pupil areas) should be agreed by senior leaders.
- School-owned devices should be used for professional purposes where required.

8. Trips and Off-Site Activities

- Mobile phones may be permitted during off-site visits only where they are necessary for safety or agreed as part of the residential visit arrangements.

9. Communication and Review

- This policy will be communicated to all pupils, parents/carers and staff.
- The policy will be reviewed annually and updated in line with any new guidance or changes in Government policy.
- The school accepts no responsibility for the loss, theft, or damage of mobile phones or smartwatches brought onto school premises.