

# HOLLINS GRUNDY PRIMARY SCHOOL

Happiness, Health and Respect for Confident, Creative Learners



## Mobile Phones Policy

Mobile phones, alongside other forms of new technology, have changed the speed and nature of communication. They can be very useful in many areas of life, however there are also associated risks (cyberbullying, access to the internet, being in possession of expensive items etc). School must take account of these risks when deciding on a policy for mobile phones.

Most mobile phones can gain unrestricted access to the internet, and although this can be useful, children could however also access material including pornography, extremist material, violent games etc. In addition mobile phones are expensive items and are frequently the target for robberies, which can be violent. Mobile phones can also be used as a method of cyberbullying, via texting, posting to social networking sites and/or making and sharing inappropriate video clips. School has a duty to protect children from such material and we can do this on the school network by the filtering system we have on the school network but we cannot do anything to monitor or block internet access on mobile phones.

**In the light of this Hollins Grundy Primary School has decided that children will not be allowed to bring a mobile phone to school.**

1. This policy applies to pupils during school hours on the school site. Additionally mobile phones are not permitted on school trips or residential visits.
2. If parents need to contact pupils for any reason during the school day this must be done via the school office and not via a mobile phone.
3. If pupils bring a mobile phone to school accidentally, the phone must be switched off and handed into the class teacher immediately until the end of the day.
4. Any mobile phone seen on the school premises being used at an inappropriate time will be confiscated immediately by a member of staff until the end of the day. At this time, it will be the responsibility of the parents to collect the phone from school, NOT the pupil. If a pupil is found taking photographs or video with a mobile phone of anyone, this will be regarded as a serious offence and disciplinary action will be taken including a meeting with parents.