

BROWNLEE PRIMARY SCHOOL



Mobile Phone Policy 2020-2022

This policy was adopted by the Board of Governors in November 2020 taking into account the advice and restrictions due to COVID-19.

It will be reviewed by the Board of Governors in September 2022 or at such times as new guidance becomes available or relevant legislation is passed.

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While we fully appreciate a parent's right to allow their child to bring a mobile phone to school, under current restrictions we want to minimise the number of items brought to and from school in order to reduce the spread of COVID-19. If however you feel that your child must bring a mobile phone to school we would like to draw your attention to the following points:

1) Overall Guidance

Mobiles should not be used on school premises, must be kept switched off until the school day ends and will be kept in a secure location by the class teacher. Each phone will be stored in an individual pouch to reduce the risk of cross contamination. Parents must inform the teacher, preferably in writing before a child is allowed to bring a mobile phone to school. This arrangement is primarily for children who walk home from school.

Should your child need to make an emergency phone call, this will be done through the school office. If you need to contact your child, please phone the school office. If a mobile phone is being stored securely it will be returned to the child at the end of the day.

2) Child Protection Issues

Please talk to your child about mobile phone use, especially who is entitled to use his/her mobile number, as text messages can often be used to bully pupils. Your child should not allow others to programme the phone numbers of unknown individuals into the phone.

3) Staff Mobile Phones

Mobile phones should not be used during teaching time in class or during periods of supervision. Calls or text messages being received by the teacher or classroom assistant during class time can be very distracting for the children so all phones should be left in a secure location on silent until an appropriate time such as break or lunch.