

Gosforth East Middle School
Mobile Phones

Procedures

Phones should not be used in school unless supervised by a teacher or the office staff. Parents/carers are reminded that in cases of emergency, the school office remains a vital and appropriate point of contact and can ensure your child is reached quickly and assisted in any appropriate way.

Mobile phones should be switched off (silent) and kept in school bags. Mobiles should be out of sight whilst children are on school premises.

If a child's phone goes off in a classroom and disrupts the class, it will be confiscated and handed into the office. Parents/carers will be informed and asked to collect the phone. If a parent is unable to collect a phone and a child needs the phone for the journey home, we will return the phone to the child on request.

Taking a photograph of someone without consent is an invasion of privacy and may cause distress.

Mobile phones should not be used to make calls, send texts, take photos, surf the net, send MSM messages or use any other application on school premises.

School cannot accept any responsibility for the loss or damage of a mobile phone. To reduce the possible risk of theft, pupils should keep phones concealed in their bags and not advertise them.

Pupils who bring phones into school do so at their own risk.

If a child is found misusing their mobile phone in order to commit the above offences, a report may be made to the police.

It is a criminal offence to use a mobile phone to harass, offend or threaten another person.

Pupil Responsibility

To use mobiles responsibly, pupils need to respect their own and others' privacy.

Pupils should always report mobile misuse and threatening or insulting messages to a responsible adult.

Students should be careful about who they give their phone number to. This can help safeguard against insulting, threatening and abusive texts. It is recommended that pupils use pin/passwords to make sure unauthorised calls cannot be made on their phone.

Agree with friends not to share each other's details without permission.

Abide by the school rules on mobile phones.

Parental/Carer Signature: _____

Pupil Signature: _____ Class: _____