

School Mobile Phone Contract

Great Wood School recognises that on some occasions it may be helpful for a pupil to bring a mobile phone into school. For instance, if they walk to school unaccompanied or they are being collected by a different carer. We believe that pupil use of a mobile phone during the day can be disruptive and this agreement outlines how pupil phones will be managed within our school.

Our Pupil Mobile Phone Rules

- All pupils bringing a phone to school must have a good reason for doing so each time, and must have returned this agreement.
- All phones brought into school must be dropped off at the school office when the child arrives at school and picked up just before leaving.
- The school will help children to learn about staying safe online, but recognises that the primary responsibility for online safety at home lies with parents/carers. The school will always be willing to work with families in helping them encourage safe mobile phone usage.
- Children not following these rules will not be allowed to bring a phone into school. Any phone brought in without permission will be confiscated and only returned to a parent/carers.
- Children should be reminded not to take photographs or videos of people without asking their permission and to never turn their phone on whilst on school premises. Phones should always be switched off in school.
- The school cannot accept responsibility for damage or loss of a mobile phone brought into school.
- The school has the right to confiscate or search a mobile phone. In the unlikely event of needing to do this, we will endeavour to contact a parent/carers. As part of this agreement, your child agrees to unlock the phone if required by a member of staff.
- We currently advise that the use of Smart watches is not appropriate in school due to risk of loss/damage.

Parents may want to look for advice on www.internetmatters.org which explains how to add some parental controls to the phone and gives advice on how to keep children safe. Please sign and return the agreement attached.

Yours sincerely

Mr Ross
Head teacher

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Name of Child:

Reason for needing to bring a mobile phone to school:

Parent/Carer: I confirm that I have explained the school rules regarding mobile phones to my child and confirm that they take a mobile phone into school on that basis on the days it is necessary.

Parent/Carer

Signature _____ **Date** _____

Pupil: I will follow the school mobile phone rules.

Pupil Signature _____ **Date** _____

Our school online safety co-ordinator is Miss Dixon. Please feel free to contact Miss Dixon if you have any concerns regarding online safety.

