

## Alverton Primary School Pupil Mobile Phone Policy

While we fully understand some parent's wish to allow their child to bring a mobile phone to school if they walk to and from school without adult supervision, Alverton discourages pupils bringing mobile phones to school due to the potential issues caused through misuse, access to unfiltered websites, access to social media applications and damage or loss of these expensive devices.

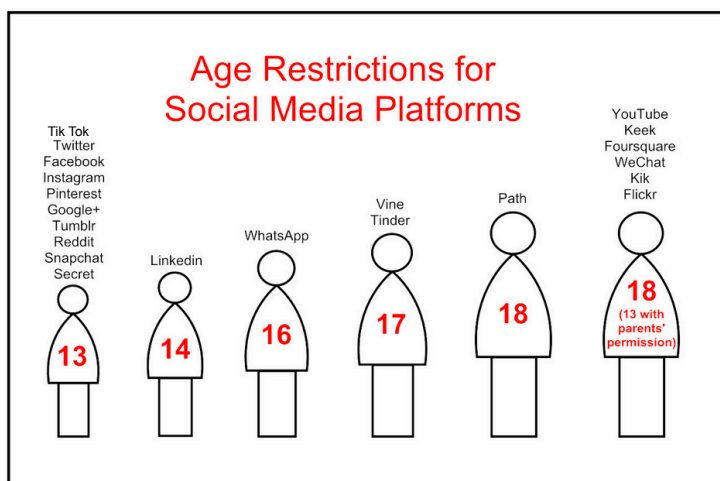
If you decide that your child needs to bring a phone into school, a permission slip (below) must be signed by the parent and the phone must be left in the school office at the start of the day and collected at the end of the day. Phones should be clearly marked so that each pupil knows their own phone. Parents are advised that Alverton accepts no liability for the loss or damage to mobile phones which are brought into school or school grounds.

**Mobile phones may not be used on the school site.** Where a pupil is found by a member of staff to be using a mobile phone, the phone will be confiscated from the pupil, handed to a member of the office team who will record the name of the pupil and attach it to the phone. The mobile phone will be stored by the school office. The pupil may collect the phone at the end of the school day. A letter will be sent home to parents requesting that a permission slip be returned the next day. If this practice continues, then the school will confiscate the phone until an appropriate adult collects the phone from a senior teacher.

If a pupil is found taking photographs or video footage with a mobile phone on the school site, this will be regarded as a serious offence and disciplinary action will be taken according to our Behaviour Policy.

If images of other pupils or teacher have been taken, the phone will not be returned to the pupil until the images have been removed by the pupil in the presence of a senior teacher.

Parents are reminded that the Terms and Conditions of many social media sites restrict their usage to young people of at least 13 years of age. The table gives examples of the current age limits for some of the most popular sites in use at the time of writing this policy. **The school strongly recommends that children do not have any social media applications or age restricted software on their phones.** Where it becomes clear that student phones have social media or age inappropriate applications on them and that these have been used inappropriately we will contact parents and ask them to collect the phone from the school office.



Should a pupil be found to be using their phone inappropriately, the school reserves the right to withdraw this privilege and they will no longer be able to bring a phone into school.

*Should parents need to contact pupils or vice versa during the school day, this should be done via the usual school procedure of contacting the school office via phone or email.*

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### Mobile Phone Parental Consent Form

In accordance with our mobile phone policy, if your child is bringing in a mobile phone to school on a regular basis, please could you sign the form below to give your permission for your child to do this and remind them of our school policy.

- Your child needs to bring their phone to the school office first thing in the morning before they go their classroom.
- The school bears no responsibility for the loss or damage to a mobile phone.
- Your child's phone should be appropriately marked so that they can recognise it.
- **The school strongly recommends that children do not have any social media applications or age restricted software on their phone.**
- Should your child be found using their phone inappropriately or have inappropriate applications/software on the phone, the school reserves the right to withdraw this privilege and they will no longer be able to bring their phone into school.
- **Mobile phones may not be used on the school site.**

Thank you.

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#### MOBILE PHONE PARENTAL CONSENT

I/we give permission for our child (name) ..... in Year .....  
to bring their mobile phone into school.

We have read the policy and understand its implications

Signed ..... Date.....

PLEASE RETURN PERMISSION SLIP TO THE SCHOOL OFFICE. THANK YOU