

Gainford CE Primary School mobile phone contract –February 2017

Gainford CE Primary 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 school day can be disruptive and this agreement outlines how pupil phones will be managed within our school.

Our pupil mobile phone rules

- Occasionally parents may wish their child to bring their mobile phone to school. There must be a good reason for doing so parents / carers must have returned this agreement.
- 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 seek to work with families to help them to encourage children to adopt safe use of mobile technology.
- 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 or carer.
- Children should be reminded not to take photographs or videos of people without asking and never to take them on the way into or out of school. This is because some children may not be allowed to have their picture taken.
- All phones should be turned off before handing in to the headteacher or deputy headteacher in his absence.
- 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 or carer. As part of this agreement your child should agree 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 risks of loss and damage.

Please sign and return the agreement overleaf.

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Name of Child _____

Reason for needing a mobile phone in school _____

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

Parent / Carer _____ Date _____

Pupil I will follow the school mobile phone rules.

Pupil _____ Date _____

Our school online safety co-ordinators are Mr. Martin and Mr. Blindt. Please feel free to contact them if you have any concerns regarding online safety.