



Mobile Phone Policy For pupils 2025-2026

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SAFEGUARDING STATEMENT

“St Gerard’s Catholic Primary and Nursery School is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment”.



1. Introduction

At St Gerard's Catholic Primary and Nursery School, we recognise the importance of safeguarding and promoting the well-being of all pupils. This policy sets out clear guidelines on the use of mobile phones and smart technology by pupils to ensure their safety, protect them from inappropriate content, and minimise distractions during the school day.

2. Purpose

- To safeguard pupils from potential online risks linked to mobile phone use.
- To maintain a positive learning environment free from distractions.
- To provide clarity and consistency for pupils, parents, and staff regarding mobile phone use.

3. Scope

This policy applies to all pupils at St Gerard's Catholic Primary and Nursery School, including those in the Nursery and 2-year provision.

4. Expectations for Mobile Phone Use

- Primary-aged pupils are discouraged from bringing mobile phones to school.
- If a pupil needs to bring a mobile phone for safety reasons (e.g., walking home alone), it must be handed to the class teacher or school office at the start of the day and collected at home time.
- Mobile phones must be switched off or on silent and kept out of sight during the school day.
- Use of mobile phones during lessons, breaks, or lunchtimes is not permitted.

5. Managing Breaches of the Policy

If a pupil is found using a mobile phone during the school day without permission, the phone will be confiscated and returned to the parent or carer at the end of the day.

Repeated breaches will be addressed in line with the school's behaviour policy and may involve parental meetings.

6. Online Safety and Education

The school will provide age-appropriate online safety education to pupils, helping them understand the risks associated with mobile phones and the internet.

Parents and carers will be informed about this policy and provided with guidance on supporting safe mobile phone use at home.

7. Review

This policy will be reviewed annually or in response to changes in legislation or school circumstances.