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Mobile Phone Policy - Park House School

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1. Procedure

This document is to be read in conjunction with our Education Internet Safety Policy

At Park House School we ask that mobile phones (or similar devices) are left at home. Park House school staff model healthy behaviour with personal and work phones.

Parents/carers are required to sign our school policy indicating that they are happy to ensure young people do not bring mobile phones or similar devices into school. This policy has been written referencing: ***Mobile phones in schools: Guidance for schools on prohibiting the use of mobile phones throughout the school day (February 2024)***. This guidance includes the role of parents/carers in supporting schools by encouraging their child to prohibit the use of phones in school and the risks associated with their use.

Any deviation from this policy must be agreed with the Headteacher of Park House School, Sally Pitkin.

We appreciate that there are some circumstances whereby students may need to carry their mobile device at school. Examples of this may be for independent travel, school residentials, emotional safety needs, medical needs or sensory requirements.

Parents/carers have the option to request that their young person is allowed to carry their mobile phone in their bag whilst at school if a need for this is identified. Each request will be looked at on an individual basis.

If a child is deemed to need their phone whilst at school, this will be thoroughly risk assessed and added to the students' ISP. The young person will then need to read and agree to our school mobile phone use agreement.

Appendix 1: Parent/Carer Mobile Phone Policy Agreement

I confirm I have read Park House School mobile phone policy and will encourage my child to leave their mobile phone (or any other electronic device) at home during the school day.

Name of Parents/Carer:

Signature:

Date:

Appendix 2: Pupil School Mobile Phone Use Agreement

As soon as I begin my school day, I will put my phone in my bag.

I will not remove my phone without permission from my teaching team.

If I am given permission to use my phone I will:

- Respect other people's privacy and not make use of the camera.
- Respect other people privacy and not use any recording device.
- Notify an adult if I see anything that concerns me or makes me feel unsafe or uncomfortable.
- Respect other people's space and not play my own music.

If I do not follow this agreement, I know that I will no longer be able to bring my mobile phone to school.

Name of young person:

Signature:

Date: