

# **POLICY: MOBILE PHONES**

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## **1. Rationale**

The staff at St Michael's Primary School support their right to determine what technology is appropriate for children to use during the period of the day when they (staff) have a duty of care. With this in mind, the school has devised a policy that states what the school considers to be appropriate.

## **2. Aim**

The development of a policy, instigated through staff concern regarding the inappropriate use of mobile phones by children.

## **3. Implementation**

- 3.1 Any child who has been supplied with a phone by a parent needs to ensure that during roll call in the morning, the phone (turned off) is handed to the classroom teacher in an envelope that is labelled with the child's name.
- 3.2 The phone/s will then be placed in the classroom teacher's desk.
- 3.3 Before dismissal the child who has handed the phone to the teacher in the morning needs to request its return.
- 3.4 No phone is to be kept in a school bag, taken onto the playground at recess or lunch, or taken to any event where children are in the care and supervision of school personnel.
- 3.5 Mobile phones that have a dual purpose as a camera are not under any circumstances to be used for that purpose by any child in the care and supervision of school personnel.
- 3.6 While the school has issued this policy it however, does not accept any responsibility for the loss or damage of any mobile phone.

## **4. Evaluation**

The policy will be evaluated by staff each year.