

East Bridgford St Peter's C. of E. Academy Mobile Phone and Smart Watch Policy



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Safeguarding

Our school policy/My decision as Head Teacher is that mobile phones and smart watches are not allowed in school for children because we could then have primary aged children making contact with people outside of school, or accessing the internet unsupervised whilst on our site. It is a safeguarding decision. Children will be reminded about this in assemblies, but we also appreciate your support.

Devices in school

Where a parent feels it is a necessity for their child to bring a mobile phone to school (e.g. because they walk to and from school independently and use it to communicate with a parent or carer), the device should be switched off and handed to the class teacher/Head Teacher as they enter the school/classroom in the morning. Phones/smart watches are then looked after throughout the school day and handed back to the child at home time. This is at the owner's risk should something happen to the handed in device.

Under no circumstances should children have access to their phone/smart watch during the school day and devices are not to be left in pupils' bags or coats. Where this policy is not followed, the device will be confiscated, and parents informed and requested to come into school to collect the item.

Digital watches

Digital watches that only work as a step counter are absolutely fine – we know these can encourage children to be active. However, if a step-counting watch also has the ability to be used for photos and communication, we will ask children not to wear these or to hand them in to their teacher each day.