



# CHEETWOOD COMMUNITY PRIMARY SCHOOL

## MOBILE PHONE/SMART WATCH POLICY

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To be reviewed Autumn Term 2022

**Judged to be GOOD by Ofsted in March 2018.**

*"This is a highly inclusive school, where everyone feels safe, respected and valued.  
Pupils enjoy school and are very keen to learn".*

### **The possession and use of mobile phones/smart watches by pupils**

The advent of increasingly sophisticated mobile and camera phones and smart watches presents a number of issues:

- Mobile phones/smart watches can be valuable items and might render a pupil vulnerable to theft;
- Mobile phones/smart watches (and their cost and level of sophistication - or otherwise) can make pupils objects of envy or disparagement and could have implications with regard to discipline and potential bullying;
- Even when apparently silent, the use of mobile phones/smart watches for texting purposes could be potentially undermining of classroom discipline and distract the pupils' learning.
- Use of the newer phones with integrated cameras could lead to child protection and data protection issues with regard to inappropriate capture, use, or distribution of images.

### **Therefore**

1. Mobile phones/smart watches should not be brought to school, they may be valuable and could be lost or stolen; the possession and/or use of a mobile phone/smart watch at school could also be potentially undermining to the school's behaviour policy
2. Where a pupil is found to be in unauthorised possession of a mobile phone/smart watch, the phone/watch will be confiscated by the Headteacher, locked away in the school safe and returned only to the parent/carer
3. Members of staff are not authorised to "look after" pupils' mobile phones/smart watches if they are brought on to the school site.

### **The possession and use of mobile phones/smart watches by staff**

Staff are able to bring mobile phones/smart watches to school. However under no circumstances can phones be on show or used during the working day. It is recognised that a smart watch may be visible on a member of staff's wrist, but they must be in silent mode and not used during the working day; personal use of mobile phones/smart watches can only occur during designated break times. Staff will seek permission from the headteacher if a call needs to be made/received during the working day on a personal mobile/smart watch; this should be for exceptional reasons only.

Mobile phones/smart watches are not to be used by staff to take photographs of pupils.

### **The use of mobile phones/smart watches by parents/carers whilst on the school site**

Parents/carers are asked out of courtesy not make or receive calls on their mobile phone/smart watch whilst inside the school building, particularly when they are in classrooms.

**The school will accept no liability or responsibility whatsoever for any mobile phone/smart watch brought on to the school premises by pupils, staff and parents/carers at any time.**