Britannia Primary School and Nursery

PUPIL MOBILE PHONE POLICY

'Developing responsible citizens, confident individuals, and independent learners'

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Pupil Mobile Phone Policy

Use of Mobile Devices by Pupils
We strongly advise that Britannia pupils do not bring a mobile phone into school, unless they need it for emergency contact - e.g. they have a long journey to walk home alone. This applies to UKS2 pupils only; any pupils below this age are not permitted to bring any mobile devices onto the school premises at any time.

Britannia will not be held accountable for any loss, theft or damage caused to pupils' mobile phones when they are brought into school.

From September 2025 it is the responsibility of UKS2 pupils, who bring mobile devices to school, to abide by the rules outlined below, which are in line with Copleston High School.

- Britannia has a 'Gate to Gate' pupil mobile device policy.
- Pupils must keep their device switched off in their bag.
- Pupils are not permitted to use their mobile device at all during the school day.
- Pupils are not permitted to use their mobile device on the school playground before or after school hours.
- "Mobile devices" includes mobile phones and smart watches. The list of mobile devices is not exhaustive and the school reserves the right to confiscate items that are deemed to be inappropriate.

If a pupil does not abide by these rules, a member of staff will confiscate the device. Pupils must hand over the device to a member of staff on request. The DfE guidance on Mobile Phones in Schools states that schools have the authority to confiscate mobile devices.

If a pupil's mobile device is confiscated, their parents will be contacted. The pupil's parent will need to collect the device from the school office.

If a pupil does not abide by these rules, the device will be confiscated as above, and they will no longer be allowed to bring their device to school.

The Role of Staff
Senior leaders have the role of communicating the policy to parents and pupils. All staff should consistently enforce the school's policy on the use of mobile phones.

The Role of Parents
Parents have an important role in supporting the school's policy on prohibiting the use of mobile phones and should be encouraged to reinforce and discuss the policy at home as appropriate, including the risks associated with mobile phone use and the benefits of a mobile phone-free environment.

Where parents need to contact their child during the school day, they should contact the school office.