

Electrical Devices

As a school we are aware that children have access to electrical devices at ever younger ages. We also know that these items are costly and each family should consider how appropriate it is for the device to come into school. Other than the items listed below, there should be no electrical devices/gadgets/games brought into school. The school cannot accept responsibility for such personal items but will make best endeavours to keep items handed in secure. Parents should however be aware that classrooms do not always have a facility to lock things away.

Mobile Telephones

Children are not permitted to have telephones in school. The only exception to this are Y5 and Y6 children who have been given mobiles because they walk to and from school alone. Any child that brings their phone to school must hand it in to the teacher at the start of the school day and then collect it from their teacher at the end of the day. It will be kept in a staff drawer or cupboard in the classroom.

Mobiles should not be kept in school bags or pockets and should be switched off whilst on school grounds. If a parent needs to contact their child during the school day, they should do so via the school office. Likewise, if a child needs to contact their parent they should speak to a member of staff who will call the parent from the school phone. Children should not use the photograph mechanism on their phones at all whilst on school grounds.

Mobiles are also not permitted on school day trips or residential.

Watches

We like to encourage our older children to wear a watch in school to help with telling the time. We are noticing that as technology has moved on, more children are now using a 'Fitbit' type watch instead of a traditional one.

School policy has been changed to allow for the wearing of these devices as long as they meet the following criteria:

- 1 – no function to take photographs
- 2- no function to connect to the internet/mobile networks

If children are found wearing devices with these functions they will be confiscated and sent home that day.