



Langley Primary School: Mobile Phone Policy

Status: Statutory Policy (DfE Compliant)

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Target Audience: Staff, Parents/Carers, Pupils, Governors

1. Rationale and Legal Context

Langley Primary School is dedicated to providing a safe, calm, and highly focused learning environment where all pupils can achieve their full potential free from unnecessary distractions. In accordance with Department for Education (DfE) guidance on *Mobile phones in schools*, Langley Primary School maintains a **mobile-phone-free environment** across the entirety of the school day.

We recognize that as children reach upper Key Stage 2, parents and carers may wish for them to travel to and from school independently. To support family safety preferences while safeguarding the educational environment, a strict, regulated exception applies exclusively to pupils in **Year 5 and Year 6 who walk home alone**.

2. Policy Scope by Year Group

Year Groups	Mobile Phone Permission	Key Conditions & Requirements
Nursery to Year 4	Prohibited	Pupils are not permitted to bring mobile phones or smart devices onto school premises under any circumstances.
Year 5 and Year 6	Permitted (Conditional	Permitted strictly for pupils who walk home alone. Must be

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	Exception)	handed in immediately upon arrival and returned at home time. Written parental consent required.

3. Key Rules and Daily Hand-In Procedures

1. **Arrival on School Grounds:** Eligible Year 5 and Year 6 pupils carrying a mobile phone for their travel safety must turn off their device completely before entering the school gates.
2. **Hand-In Collection:** Immediately upon entering the classroom, the pupil must hand their switched-off device directly to their class teacher or designated teaching assistant.
3. **Secure Storage:** All collected devices are stored securely in a locked storage box/cabinet in the classroom or school office throughout the school day.
4. **End of Day Return:** Devices are handed back to pupils by classroom staff as pupils leave the building at dismissal time.
5. **Zero Access During School Hours:** Under no circumstances may a pupil access or use a mobile phone during curriculum time, break times, lunchtimes, or during on-site extra-curricular clubs.

4. Smartwatches and Smart Devices

- **Wearable Technology:** Smartwatches with cellular connectivity, messaging capabilities, or camera functionality are classified under the same restrictions as mobile phones and are strictly prohibited during the school day.
- **Standard Watches:** Traditional analogue or basic digital watches without communication, photo, or recording functionality are permitted.

5. Sanctions for Non-Compliance

If a pupil brings a mobile device to school without authorization, fails to hand it in at the start of the day, or attempts to use a phone on school grounds, staff will enforce the following procedures in line with the school's Behaviour Policy:

Stage	Action Taken
First Offence	Immediate confiscation of the device. The phone is placed in secure storage in the Main Office. The parent/carer is notified and required to collect the device in person.
Repeated Offence	Confiscation as above. A formal meeting is arranged with parents, and the pupil's privilege of bringing a phone for independent travel is revoked.

6. Emergency Communications

Parents and carers must **not** attempt to call or text their child directly on a mobile device during school hours.

- **Contacting a Child:** In urgent situations, parents must call the **Main School Office** on the official school phone line. Messages or urgent arrangements will be relayed promptly by administrative staff.
- **Pupil Contacting Home:** If a pupil needs to contact home in an emergency, school staff will facilitate the call using the school telephone line.

7. School Liability Statement

Langley Primary School accepts no responsibility or liability for the loss, theft, or damage of any mobile phone or personal electronic device brought onto school property. Bringing a device under the Year 5/6 independent walker exception is done entirely at the risk of the parent/carer and pupil.

8. Appendix: Year 5 & Year 6 Mobile Phone Permission Form

LANGLEY PRIMARY SCHOOL — INDEPENDENT TRAVEL & MOBILE PHONE CONSENT FORM

Please return the completed form to the Main School Office prior to bringing a device to

school.

Pupil's Full Name: _____ **Class:** _____

Parent/Carer Name: _____

- I confirm that my child has permission to walk home alone from Langley Primary School.
- I request permission for my child to carry a mobile phone strictly for safety during their journey to and from school.
- I understand that the phone must be powered off and handed to classroom staff immediately upon arrival.
- I acknowledge that the school accepts no liability for loss or damage to the device.

Parent/Carer Signature: _____ **Date:** _____