



Blue Gate Fields Junior School

Personal Electronic Devices - Pupils

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Person (s) responsible for implementation and monitoring:

Sian Acreman (Head Teacher)

Signature (Chair of governors)

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Signature (Head teacher)

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Date:

Other Information hereKey roles and responsibilities

- 1.1. **The governing body** has overall responsibility for the implementation of the personal electronic devices policy and procedures of **Blue Gate Fields Junior School [BGFJS]**
- 1.2. **The governing body** has overall responsibility for ensuring that the Personal Electronic Devices Policy, as written, does not discriminate on any grounds, including but not limited to ethnicity/national origin, culture, religion, gender, disability or sexual orientation.
- 1.3. **The governing body** has overall responsibility for reviewing the Personal Electronic Devices Policy.
- 1.4. **The headteacher** has responsibility for handling complaints regarding this policy as outlined in the school's Complaints Policy.
- 1.5. The **headteacher** will be responsible for the day-to-day implementation and management of the personal electronic devices policy and procedures of **BGFJS**

2. Personal electronic devices

- 2.1. Personal electronic devices include, but are not limited to, existing and emerging:
 - Mobile communication systems and smart technologies (mobile phones, iPhones, Smartphones, smart watches [including all Fit Bit and Fit -Bit style watches], internet-enabled phones, etc).
 - Personal Digital Assistants (PDA) (Palm organizers, pocket PCs, etc.)
 - Handheld entertainment systems (video games, CD players, compact DVD players, MP3 players, iPods, earphones, etc.).
 - Portable internet devices (mobile messengers, iPads, etc.).
 - Wireless handheld technologies or portable information technology systems (used for word processing, wireless internet access, image capture/recording, sound recording, and information transmitting/receiving/storing, etc.)
 - Any device that has been manufactured with the ability to connect with the internet, capture images or take photographs – even if these have not been enabled or have been disabled.

The possession and use of electronic devices, including mobile phones/smart watches by pupils

The advent of increasingly sophisticated electronic devices presents a number of concerns:

- Electronic devices can be valuable items and might render a pupil vulnerable to theft;
- Electronic devices (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;
- Electronic devices that have been manufactured with the capability to connect to the internet present a multitude of safeguarding concerns around pupil's accessing inappropriate internet content;
- Even when apparently silent, the use of mobiles phones/smart watches for texting purposes could be potentially undermining of classroom behaviour and distract the pupils' learning.
- Use of devices with integrated cameras could lead to child protection and data protection issues with regard to inappropriate capture, use, or distribution of images.

3. School policy

Pupils personal electronic devices are not to be brought into school and are not to be used, in any way, on the school premises or at school events.

4. Sanctions

- Any pupil found to have a personal electronic device in school, will have the device confiscated until the end of the day.
- Confiscated devices will be locked away securely in the headteacher's office.
- Confiscated mobile devices must be collected by the pupil's parent/carer.