



## St. Patrick's RCVA Primary School Mobile Phone Contract

St. Patrick's RCVA Primary School recognises that, on some occasions, it may be helpful for a pupil to bring a mobile phone into school, for instance, if they walk to school unaccompanied, or they are being collected by a different carer. We believe that pupils' use of a mobile phone during the school day can be disruptive and this agreement outlines how pupils' phones will be managed within our school.

### Our Pupil Mobile Phone Rules

- All pupils bringing a phone into school must have a good reason for doing so, and must have returned this agreement.
- The school will help children to learn about staying safe online, but recognises that the primary responsibility for online safety at home lies with parents/carers. The school will seek to work with families to help them to encourage children to adopt safe use of mobile technology.
- Children not following these rules will not be allowed to bring a phone into school. Any phone brought in without permission will be confiscated and only returned to a parent or carer.
- Children should be reminded that mobile phones are not to be used in school and they are not to take photographs or videos of people without asking and never to take them on the way into or out of school. This is because some children are not allowed to have their picture taken.
- All phones should be turned off before being handed in to Mrs Pattinson.
- All phones are to be handed in to the school office at the start of the school day and collected once the school day has ended.
- The school cannot accept responsibility for damage or loss of a mobile phone brought into school.
- The school has the right to confiscate or search a mobile phone. In the unlikely event of needing to do this, we will endeavour to contact a parent or carer. As part of this agreement, your child should agree to unlock the phone if required to do so by a member of staff.
- We currently advise that the use of Smart Watches is not appropriate in school due to risks of loss and damage.

Parents may want to look at the advice on [www.internetmatters.org](http://www.internetmatters.org), which explains how to add some parental controls to phones and gives advice on how to keep children safe.

Please sign and return the agreement attached.

*Pauline Burnside*  
Head Teacher

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Name of Child \_\_\_\_\_

Reason for needing a mobile phone in school \_\_\_\_\_

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**Parent/Carer:** I confirm that I have explained the school rules regarding mobile phones to my child and confirm that they may take a mobile phone into school on that basis.

Parent/Carer signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**Pupil:** I will follow the school's mobile phone rules.

Pupil signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Our school online safety co-ordinator is Mrs Nowell. Please feel free to contact them if you have any concerns regarding online safety.