MOBILE PHONE POLICY

Our school is a UNICEF Rights Respecting School and Articles 3 and 17 of the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child underpin our school vision:

“The best interests of the child must be a top priority in all things that affect children.”

“Every child has the right to reliable information from the media...Governments must help protect children from materials that could harm them.”
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Our Mobile Phone policy supports the school’s Health & Safety, Anti-bullying, Child Protection and Internet Acceptable Use policies.

➢ While we fully acknowledge a parent’s right to allow their child to bring a mobile phone to school, Dundonald Primary School discourages pupils from bringing mobile phones to school.

➢ If parents feel their child needs a phone in case of emergency, they should write a letter to school giving permission and noting the serial number of the phone.

➢ If pupils bring mobile phones to school, the phones must remain switched off between 8.50 am and 3.00 pm.

➢ Mobile phones must not be taken out at break or lunchtimes in the classroom or in the playground.

➢ Mobile phones are not permitted on educational class or residential visits.

➢ Should parents need to contact pupils, or visa versa, this should be done following the usual school procedures: via the school office (Tel no. 028 90482680)

➢ Where a pupil is found by a member of staff to be using a mobile phone, the phone will be taken from the pupil. The mobile phone will be stored by the teacher. The pupil may collect the phone at the end of the school day.

➢ If a pupil is found taking photographs or video footage with the mobile phone of either other pupils or teachers, this will be regarded as a serious Child Protection issue and disciplinary action will be taken according to the school’s Pastoral Care Procedures.

➢ If images of other pupils or teachers have been taken, the phone will not be returned to the pupil until the images have been removed by the pupil in the presence of the teacher.

Parents are advised that Dundonald Primary accepts no liability for the loss or damage to mobile phones which are brought into the school or school grounds.

This policy has been approved by the Board of Governors and will be monitored, reviewed and amended as required.