



Mobile Phones in school

Ewanrigg Junior School does not permit mobile phones to be brought into school. Phones are expensive items and we cannot guarantee safety or security. This rule is also in place for safeguarding reasons – we cannot filter content to ensure it is appropriate for children if this is accessed on mobile phones. In addition the taking of photographs etc. needs to be strictly controlled according to parental wishes. Therefore we ask for your support in NOT sending mobiles into school.

However, we also recognise there may be occasional exceptional circumstances where it is 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 one day a week.

By sending your child to Ewanrigg Junior School you are automatically accepting these rules

Our Pupil Mobile Phone Rules:

- All pupils bringing a phone into school must have a good reason for doing so
- 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.
- Phones are to be switched off at the double gates and only switched back on once out of those gates at the end of the school day.
- All phones should be handed in to the class teacher.
- Children not following these rules will not be allowed to bring a phone into school.
- Any phone not handed in will be confiscated and only returned to a parent or carer.
- Children should be reminded 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.
- 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.
- Your child should agree to unlock the phone if required 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.

If you wish to discuss this further please contact school on 01900812330 or for further advice on internet safety and parental controls go to www.internetmatters.org