



## **Stanley St Andrew's Church of England Primary School**

### **Statement on Pupil Mobile Phones & Personal Electronic Devices in School**

As a church school we believe that every person, every child and every adult is unique and special with God given gifts and talents which is our job to nurture and cherish.

Stanley St Andrew's Church of England Primary School accepts that personal mobile phones are often given to pupils by their parents to ensure their safety and personal security but understands that such devices pose inherent risks and may jeopardise the learning environment.

As a school, we must strike a balance between personal safety and a suitable educational setting. We understand that parents may wish for their child to carry a mobile phone for their personal safety, whilst pupils may wish to bring additional devices to school for other reasons.

This statement exists to make clear our school policy on mobile phones and other personal electronic devices in school, and includes, but is not limited to the following items:

- Handheld entertainment systems, e.g. video game consoles, iPods
- Portable internet devices, e.g. tablets, laptops

**It is our school policy that pupils are not permitted to bring mobile phones and other personal electronic phones into school.**

However, we do understand there may be certain situations where a child may need to bring a mobile phone with them to school. If this is the case, this should be explained to the headteacher by the parent/carer before the child brings any device into school. On arriving in school, the pupil should then hand the mobile phone (or other device) into the school office at the start of the school day and collect this at home time. It should remain turned off at all times.

The school accepts no responsibility for mobile phones or other devices that are lost, stolen or damaged either on school premises or travelling to and from school, and at school events.

If a pupil is seen with a mobile phone or other device during the school day, this will be confiscated and the appropriate action will be taken in accordance with our behaviour policy. The headteacher will determine the length of time they deem proportionate for confiscation.

### **Monitoring and review**

This statement was reviewed by the headteacher and the governing body and approved for use by the governing body at their meeting on 29 September 2025. It will be reviewed every three years in accordance with our policy planner, unless it is felt that an earlier review is necessary. Any changes to this policy will be communicated to all stakeholders.