

Selworthy Special School

Learner Mobile Phone Policy

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Purpose

Selworthy School is committed to creating a safe, secure and focused learning environment that supports the wellbeing and educational progress of all learners. In line with Department for Education (DfE) guidance on mobile-free schools, this policy outlines how mobile phones are managed for learners who bring a device onto the school site.

This policy has been written with reference to and in conjunction with:

- TOPT Mobile Phones and Smart Devices Policy
- Department for Education Mobile Phones in schools guidance

Mobile-Free School Environment

- Selworthy Special School operates as a **mobile phone-free school** for learners, staff and visitors.

This supports:

- Improved focus on learning
- Positive social interaction
- Safeguarding and wellbeing

Bringing a Mobile Phone into school

Learners may bring a mobile phone into school on transport **with parent / carer consent only**.

Phones are brought onto the school site **at the owner's risk**. The school is not responsible for loss, theft or damage.

Arrival at School

On arrival at school, all learner mobile phones must be:

- Switched off
- Handed in immediately to the school office

Phones will be **locked securely in the school office** for the duration of the school day.

During the School Day

Learners **will not have access** to their phones at any time during the school day.

Phones must not be used:

- In classrooms
- In corridors or social areas
- At break or lunchtime

For off-site visits, learners do not need to take phones with them. Staff members carry phones for communication with the school and emergencies.

End of the School Day

At the end of the school day, learners can collect their phones from the school office.

Once a learner has collected their phone. They **must leave the school site immediately via the front office doors**. They **will not be permitted to re-enter** school building.

Safeguarding and Appropriate Use

Whilst on school premises, including the school car park, learners must not:

- Use their phones
- Take photos, videos or recordings
- Access or share inappropriate content

Any breach of this policy will be treated as a serious safeguarding concern.

Loss, Damage or Theft

Mobile phones are brought into school at **personal risk**. The school may assist in investigating concerns but cannot guarantee recovery or replacement.

Breaches of Policy

Failure to follow this policy may result in:

- Confiscation of the phone or belongings the phone may be in (e.g. bag or coat)
- Parents/carers being required to collect the phone
- Increased supervision for the learners if a staff member suspects they may have their phone on their person
- Further action in line with the school's behaviour and safeguarding policies

Agreement

Learner Agreement

I understand that Selworthy School is a mobile-free school. I agree to hand in my phone on arrival, not access it during the day, and follow all rules outlined in this policy.

Learner Name: _____

Learner Signature (as appropriate): _____

Date: _____

Parent / Carer Agreement

I give permission for my child to bring a mobile phone into school. I understand that it will be locked away during the day and that the school operates a mobile-free environment in line with DfE guidance.

Parent/ Carer Name: _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____

School Agreement

Selworthy School agrees to store learner phones securely and implement this policy consistently in line with safeguarding and DfE guidance.

Staff Name: _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____