

Avonwood Primary School Smart Phone Policy

At Avonwood Primary School we do not encourage or permit any child to bring a smart phone into school. If you wish your child to carry a phone for their journey to and from school, we strongly recommend an old-fashioned mobile with just phone and messaging capabilities. One like this can be purchased from Amazon for as little as £17:

[Nokia 105 \(4th Edition\) 1.77 Inch UK SIM Free Feature Phone \(Single SIM\) – Black: Amazon.co.uk: Electronics & Photo](https://www.amazon.co.uk/dp/B073333333)

If you feel there are exceptional circumstances behind why your child must carry a smart phone to and from school, please complete the form below for consideration by the Headteacher.

Parent/Guardian Smart Phone Exceptional Circumstances Form

If you feel there are exceptional circumstances behind why a smart phone is required in school (e.g. for monitoring of medical needs like diabetes), please complete the application form below. These applications will all be reviewed by the Headteacher on a case-by-case basis.

Parent declaration:

- I understand it is my parental duty to apply appropriate filtering and monitoring to any smart phone.
- I understand that my child will hand the smart phone in on arrival to school, keeping it switched off throughout the day.
- I understand it is my responsibility to make sure that only age-appropriate apps are available on this device.
- Should my child have the phone out while on school property I understand this agreement will be revoked.
- Should my child be involved in any online safety concerns then I understand this agreement will be revoked.
- I understand that it is my responsibility to provide appropriate insurance cover for loss or damage.

Children's responsibilities:

- The smart phone is switched off and put away before I arrive on site (entering the front gates at the car park). If the phone is seen by staff, I accept it will be confiscated.
- At the end of the school day, the smart phone is not taken out until I have left the school grounds (front car park gates). If the phone is seen by staff, I accept it will be confiscated.
- The smart phone is handed in to my class teacher on arrival to school.
- The smart phone is not used for any inappropriate behaviour outside of school (e.g. online bullying), if it is then this agreement will be revoked.

Smart Phone Exceptional Circumstances Application Form

Childs Name :

Year Group:

Class:

Phone Make, Model & Colour:

Is filtering enabled by the phone operator: Yes / No

Is filtering enabled on home broadband: Yes / No

Is the phone monitored frequently by appropriate adult: Yes / No

By signing below, I confirm I have read and agree to the terms listed above.

Name of Parent/Guardian:

Signature:

Date:

The Headteacher will be in touch to discuss this application further. The phone should not be on site without prior consent from the Headteacher.

