Ratho Primary School – Mobile phone policy

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The safety and wellbeing of every member of the school community are our main priorities. We understand that many families wish their child to carry a phone to help ensure safety in travelling to and from school. We are happy to support families in this request.

All personal devices should be used appropriately and responsibly out with the school setting, following accepted safe online behaviours.

Being a Rights Respecting School helps inform our policy: UN convention on the Rights of the Child Article 16: Protection of Privacy "Every child has the right to privacy. The law must protect children's privacy, family, home, communications and reputation (or good name) from any attack."

Ratho Primary School policy at is that:

- Ratho Primary School accepts no liability for loss or damage to mobile phones which are brought into the school or school grounds.
- Phones should be switched off when entering the school playground in the morning and remain off until leaving playground at the end of the day.
- Phone must be handed in to the class teacher/placed in the identified, secure place within the classroom provided by the class teacher.
- 'Smart' watches should be set to 'School Mode' to allow distraction free learning throughout the day.
- Phones must not be taken out during playtime or lunchtime (including during wet breaks).
- Pupils are not permitted to use their phones/watches without the permission of staff and are never permitted to take photographs or videos of other pupils or staff on school premises.
- Staff will remove phones from pupil possession if they do not follow the policy appropriately. Depending on our concern around use of the phone, we may contact parents/carers to collect the phone from the school office.
- The school requests cooperation from parents and carers to ensure children adhere to this guidance.

Please see our school webpage on 'Online Safety' for information on how to keep children safe online. Online Safety – Ratho Primary School