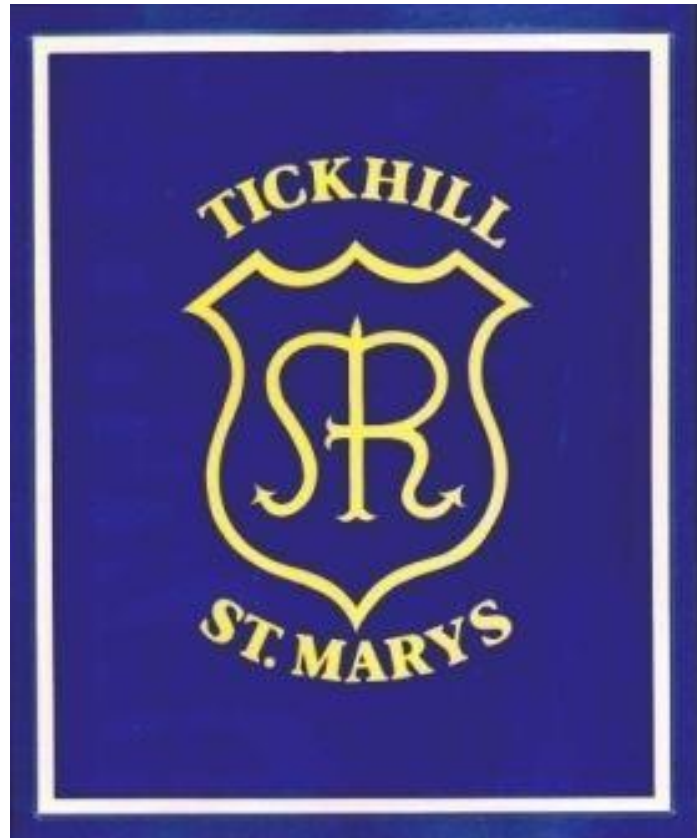


St Mary's C.E. Primary and Nursery School



Smart Devices Policy

Growing together, learning together

Monitoring and Review

It is the responsibility of our governing body to agree and monitor our policies. The Curriculum and Standards Team has this responsibility, though the day to day management of it is devolved to the Head Teacher.

As with all our policies, this was developed following a period of practice and consultation before being presented for Governors' consideration.

R Kendrew-Jones

Mission Statement

'Here at St Mary's Church of England Primary School, through our Christian values, we aspire to nurture and educate the whole child: caring for their well-being, celebrating their individual talents and abilities whilst encouraging them to become lifelong learners. It is our aim that children, parents and school staff should work together towards this end.'

Equal Opportunities

At Tickhill St Mary's School we are committed to giving all our children every opportunity to achieve the highest of standards. We acknowledge the right of every individual to be treated fairly and with respect regardless of appearance, age, race, gender identity, background, creed, attainment, ability or sexual orientation. We aim to fulfil this ideal through our policies and practice.

Christian Ethos

Tickhill St Mary's School is a Church of England School and, as such, we ensure that the Christian ethos is central to all our policies and practice.

Safeguarding Statement

St Mary's Primary School is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expects all staff to share this commitment.

Intent

St Mary's Primary and Nursery School accepts that personal mobile phones, tablets and 'smart' watches etc are often given to pupils by their parents to ensure their safety and personal security. Mobile phones, digital music players and other personal electronic devices have become more widely available. As a school, we must make a sensible and practical response. We understand that parents may wish their older children to carry a mobile phone for their personal safety, whilst students may wish to bring a smart watch to school.

Personal electronic devices

St Mary's Primary School acknowledges the increasing use of mobile technology as part of both the curriculum and everyday life. Personal electronic devices include, but are not limited to, existing and emerging:

- Mobile communication systems and smart technologies (mobile phones, iPhones, Smartphones, internet-enabled phones, Smart watches etc.)
- Personal Digital Assistants (PDA) (Palm organizers, pocket PCs, etc.)
- Handheld entertainment systems (video games, CD players, compact DVD players, MP3 players, iPods, earphones, etc.)
- Portable internet devices (mobile messengers, iPads, etc.)
- Wireless handheld technologies or portable information technology systems (used for word processing, wireless internet access, image capture/recording, sound recording, and information transmitting/receiving/storing, etc.)

Currently, the School does not allow children to bring any personal electronic device into school. However, the School recognises that parents may prefer those children in Years 5/ 6 who come to and go home from school unaccompanied by an adult to have a phone in case of emergencies. Therefore, the School permits children in upper KS2 only (Y6 or Y5) to bring mobile phones into school on the condition that they are switched off and handed to Mrs Kendrew-Jones or the member of staff at the door who will keep them in a basket in the Head Teacher's office during the school day. The phones will be returned to their owners at home time.

Parents/carers should be aware that if their child brings a mobile phone or Smart watch to school, St Mary's Primary School accepts no responsibility for replacing lost, stolen or damaged mobile devices either at school, or travelling to and from school.

Acceptable use

Mobile phones should be **switched off** and given to Mrs Kendrew-Jones or the member of staff at the door who will keep them in a basket in the Head Teacher's office during the school day. **Under no circumstances should children ever take photographs using their phone.** Smart watches must be used to tell the time only.

All mobile devices should not be used in any manner or place that is disruptive to the normal routine of the school. Pupils are responsible for protecting their own personal information including their phone number. Both pupil and parent will have to complete the KS2 pupils Mobile Phone Agreement (See Page 5).

Unacceptable use

Mobile devices should not be used to:

- Make or receive any phone calls
- Send or receive text messages, media messages or emails
- Take photos or use any other application during the school day or whilst on school premises
- Open apps or play games whilst on school premises

- Files should not be sent between mobile devices and Bluetooth and WIFI functions should be disabled while on school premises
- If pupils fall ill during school hours, they must not use their mobile device to contact parents/carers; they should use the agreed procedures.

Cyberbullying

At St Mary's Primary School, cyber bullying is taken seriously. Incidents of cyber bullying will be dealt with and reported along the same chain as the Anti-Bullying Policy. As part of our on-going commitment to the prevention of cyber bullying, regular education and discussion about e-safety will take place as part of computing and PSHE.

Spot checks

Any teacher or staff member may ask any pupil to show them what they are doing on their Smart watch at any time. Pupils are required to comply with any request.

Accessing Data

Downloading and accessing inappropriate websites and data on school personal electronic devices is strictly prohibited. Using the personal data of any pupil or member of staff for non-work related activity is strictly prohibited. More information about accessing data can be found in our Data Protection (GDPR) Policy.

Sanctions

Bringing a mobile phone (Upper KS2 only eg Y5 or Y6) or Smart watch to school is a privilege which can be revoked at any time. Any pupil caught breaking the Smart Devices Policy will have their device confiscated until it can be collected by the pupil's parent/carer. Bullying via mobile devices will be disciplined in line with St Mary's Primary School's Anti-Bullying Policy.

Key Stage 2 Pupils Mobile Phone Agreement

E-safety for learners in KS2

When I am using digital technologies, I want to feel safe all the time.

I agree that I will:

- Switch off my mobile phone before entering school
- Give my phone to Mrs Kendrew-Jones or another member of staff for safe keeping during the day
- Collect my phone at home time
- Never take a photo using my phone whilst on school property or of myself or others whilst in school uniform
- Always keep my passwords a secret
- Be responsible for my phone at all times. St. Mary's will not accept responsibility for any loss or damage to any phone that has been brought to school.

Should I use my phone inappropriately, St. Mary's reserves the right to withdraw the privilege and I will no longer be able to bring my phone into school.

I know that once I share anything online it is completely out of my control and may be used by others in a way that I did not intend.

Signed (pupil)

Signed (parent/carer)

Date: Class:.....