



# The Abbey CE VA Primary School

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## MOBILE PHONES, SMART WATCHES AND WALKING UNACCOMPANIED

This form is for those parents/carers of children in Year 5 and Year 6 who wish to allow their child to

- Bring their mobile phone to school, and/or
- Wear a smart watch to school, and/or
- Walk to and from school unaccompanied.

Please read the relevant policies below and return the completed form to the school office **in advance** of the child bringing a phone and/or smart watch and/or walking unaccompanied. Permissions given in Year 5 will carry over to Year 6.

### Mobile Phone Policy

For safety, security and/or emergency purposes, parents/carers may wish to allow their child to bring their mobile phone to school. This policy details the conditions under which mobile phones are permitted to be brought to school by children in Year 5 and Year 6.

1. The phone will be turned off and out of sight before entering the school grounds and will not be switched on until the child is off the school grounds at the end of the day.
2. My child will not use their phone on the school site at any time.
3. My child will hand their phone to the class teacher at the start of the school day and collect it at 3.20 pm
4. All important information from parents must still be communicated to the School Office by 2 pm to ensure your child receives the message.
5. The school will not be held responsible for the loss, damage or theft of my child's phone.

The supervised use of mobile phones outside of school remains the responsibility of parents. We advise parents to closely monitor their child's mobile phone and the School would be happy to discuss any concerns you have regarding E-safety. Please refer to the E-Safety Policy.

### Smart Watch Policy

1. Any capacity that the smart watch has to link to a mobile device **must** be switched off. If the smart watch cannot disconnect from a mobile device throughout the school day, it will **not** be permitted to be worn in school.
2. If children are found to be turning the mobile functionality of the watch on, at any time of the day, the school will no longer permit it to be worn in school.
3. Children may wear smart watches on the understanding that they do not prove to be a significant distraction to the child. If an adult in school deems that the watch is a distraction to the child, it will not be permitted to be worn in school.
4. The school will not be held responsible for the loss, damage or theft of my child's phone.

The supervised use of any mobile or smart device outside of school remains the responsibility of parents. We advise parents to closely monitor their child's use of both mobile phones and smart watches and the School would be happy to discuss any concerns you have regarding E-safety. Please refer to the E-Safety Policy.

## Children Walking Unaccompanied Policy

1.If children walking unaccompanied have a phone or smart watch they will have the School's telephone number on their phone or watch: **01727 851802** and the police non-emergency number 101.

2.If for any reason my child cannot get hold of me, I have instructed my child they can ring or return to the School Office up until 4.30 pm.

I accept that if any of the above conditions are broken, the incident will be recorded and dealt with in line with our Behaviour Policy. Absences from school must be reported by 9.30am to the School Office.

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**Please complete and return to the school office as a hard copy or scan/photo emailed to [admin@abbey.herts.sch.uk](mailto:admin@abbey.herts.sch.uk).**

Child's name:

YES/NO I agree to the conditions in the Mobile Phone Policy above and I give permission for my child to bring a mobile phone to school.

YES/NO I agree to the conditions in the Smart Watch Policy above and I give permission for my child to bring a smart watch to school.

YES/NO I agree to the conditions in the Children Walking Unaccompanied Policy and I give permission for my child to walk unaccompanied to and from school.

Child's mobile phone number if bringing to school:

Walk/transport arrangements if child unaccompanied:

Parent/carer's name:

Parent/carer's signature:

Date: