



## **Phoenix IPS Mobile Phone Policy** **2023-24**

### **Introduction**

Phoenix Integrated Primary School and Nursery accept that, at times, some parents/guardians give their children mobile phones, to protect them from everyday risks involving personal security and safety outside of school. It is acknowledged that providing a child with a mobile phone gives parents reassurance that they can contact their child if they need to speak to them urgently outside of the school day.

Staff are currently finalising details of a full mobile phone policy which will be distributed to parents when ready. In the meantime, however, please find some details below regarding smart watches and a permission request slip which can be filled in and returned to your child's class teacher.

### **Smart watches and other devices**

Pupils can wear smart watches to school (the exception to this being any watch with a camera). If a pupil wearing a smart watch also brings a phone to school, they must remember to hand the phone into their teacher at the beginning of the day. This means that the mobile phone will be turned off and the facility for sending/ receiving messages will be disabled on the watch. If a pupil is found to be sending/ receiving messages using their watch during the school day, this will be dealt with in the same way as mobile phone misuse.

For watches that have their own built in cellular data, meaning they can send/receive messages without the need of a turned on mobile phone, these too must be handed in at the beginning of the day.

### **Permission Request**

I request permission for my child to bring their mobile phone to school for the following reason:

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**Child's name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Class:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Signed:** \_\_\_\_\_ (Parent/Carer).

The Principal/Vice Principal will contact you if we have any concerns about your application.