

# The Greater Horseshoe School Mobile Phone Policy



**This policy is to keep you and other students safe.**

This policy is for any electronic devices, not just for mobile phones. Other devices can play or record music or videos and can take photos. Other devices include smart watches, Ipads and laptops.

## **Some of the dangers of using a mobile phone**



### **✓ Texting**

It can be great to text your family and friends. Texting can also cause people problems. The problems might be cyberbullying. This is when someone is bullied by someone else online or in a text. There is also 'sextexting'. This is when someone sends a text to someone else that has inappropriate sexual content. Both of these things can be stressful and upsetting.



### **✓ Cameras and Videos**

Students can use the camera on their phone to take photos or videos of themselves or others. Students can send photos or videos to other people or post them on the internet for anyone to see. Photos and videos can be taken of other people without asking them first. Photos and videos can also be inappropriate.



## ✓ Internet

It's easy to go on the internet on your phone. Sites like Youtube have millions of videos to watch. This is called content. There is a lot of content that is safe to look at and is fun and helpful for learning.

There is a lot of content on the internet that is unsafe and inappropriate. It is easy to upload content onto the internet and download content onto a phone. This content can be shared with other students.

## Our Policy

### 1. Use of phones (Year 3 to Year 9)

- ✓ Year 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8 and 9 students can take their phones to school but must follow the school rules.
- ✓ Students in Year 3 to year 9 are **not allowed** to use mobile phones or any other electronic devices in school.




- ✓ If it is agreed with parents, students can have a mobile phone in a car on the way to school and on the way home.



- ✓ The mobile phone needs to be handed into school when the student arrives and they will have it back when they are getting into a car to go home.
- ✓ If a student is found with a mobile phone when they are in school, an adult will help the student hand it into the office.
- ✓ If a student refuses to hand their mobile phone to the office, they will not be allowed in a lesson and will be kept away from other students for their safety.

## 2. Use of phones (Year 10 to Year 13)

- ✓ Year 10, 11, 12 and 13 students can bring a mobile phone into

school. The phone can stay with them in their bag. . It needs to be switched off and not seen or heard.

- ✓ It's okay to use your phone or earphones if a teacher says it can be used in a lesson for education and learning.
- ✓ At lunchtimes only mobile devices and earphones can be used in the Key Stage 3 classroom or bench by sensory garden (at Greater Horseshoe School), the kitchen area (at Musers) and the rec-room area or bench next to the barn (at Chipley).

### The Rules- What students can't do

- ✓ Students can't contact parents in the school day unless they have permission from an adult and it is absolutely necessary. This needs to be done at the school reception.
- ✓ No photos or videos should be taken.
- ✓ No misuse of social media.



### What happens if students break the rules

The student will be helped to hand their device into the reception. Below is what happens when the rules are broken.

- The 1st Offence** - the device will be handed into the office and will be handed back at the end of the school day. The parents will be called.
- The 2<sup>nd</sup> Offence**- The device will be handed into the office and will be handed back at the end of the school day. The parents will be called. The student will not be allowed to bring a mobile device into school for the next seven school days.
- Further Offences**- There will be sanctions (consequences) based on the behavior policy of the school.

### Finally

If your mobile phone or other device is lost or damaged at school it is not the responsibility of the school.