



Electronic Devices Policy **Wincle CE Primary School**



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Date updated:	Brief summary of changes:
March 2025	Change of policies to represent the use of all electronic personal devices in school: mobile phones, tablets/laptops, air tags, smart watches etc.

Our school's vision:

Wincle School creates an enriching and outstanding rural education, nurturing the whole individual: body, mind and soul, inspiring rounded, happy, courageous children who exhibit a passion for learning, a confident faith, a loving concern for community and an inclusive respect for all.

Our school vision encompasses the responsibility for all staff to promote pupils' positive behaviour, **and encourage an inclusive respect for all when working with electronic devices and online.** Engaging all pupils in their behaviour and conduct whilst on social media, or online is recognised as a crucial part of this holistic approach to **inspiring happy, courageous** children who display a **loving concern for the community** around them.

We encourage our pupils to 'Shine like Stars' (Philippians 2:15) and to do this run with the following acronym:

S	Service	<p>★ No act of kindness, no matter how small, is ever wasted." Aesop</p> <p>★ We would like our pupils to have the confidence to know that they can make a difference: have hope for the future.</p> <p>★ We encourage our pupils to challenge injustice and inequality</p>
T	Theology	<p>★ Our principles are founded on the truth that we are loved by the Father, Saved by the Son and Sanctified by the Holy Spirit.</p> <p>★ We want to ignite passion and curiosity for learning, providing an exciting curriculum to inspire all learners to be the best they can be.</p>
A	Attitude	<p>★ We encourage our pupils to show integrity</p> <p>★ We would like our pupils to have the courage to fight for what is important</p> <p>★ When things are challenging, we would like our pupils to display perseverance and not give up.</p> <p>★ Learn from yesterday, live for today, hope for tomorrow" Albert Einstein</p>
R	Relationships	<p>★ We nurture the whole individual: body, mind and soul</p> <p>★ We encourage the pupils to respect every living creature and show compassion.</p> <p>★ We would like our children to treat other people as they would like to be treated following Jesus' example. We are all unique</p> <p>★ We help all children build trusting relationships</p>
S	Shine like stars	<p>★ Clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience.' (Colossians 3:12)</p> <p>★ I am the Light of the world; he who follows Me will not walk in the darkness, but will have the Light of life." (John 8:12)</p> <p>★ We would like our pupils to shine in their behaviour, attitudes, relationships and learning.</p>

Electronic Devices in School Policy

Electronic Devices can be described as mobile phones, tablets, laptops, smart watches and tagging devices.

Pupils

We aim to develop pupils' resilience and independence as they grow and prepare for adulthood. At Wincle School, we provide the children with opportunities to develop and learn in a safe environment.

Wincle School does not allow electronic devices of any form in school and on an educational visit.

Where a parent has decided they want a pupil to bring an electronic device into school, possibly if the student is going home alone or with another parent, the device must remain switched off. It must be handed in to the school office at the start of the school day and collected from the office at the end of the school day. It may not be used for any purpose on school premises, grounds or during off-site school activities such as school swimming, after school clubs or residential visits.

If a pupil is found to be using an electronic device for any purpose, the device will be confiscated from the child and returned *only* to the parent, guardian or carer.

Breaches to this policy would be treated as any other breach of school rules.

Staff

It is the responsibility of each staff member to ensure their mobile phone is stored securely when in school. Children should not have access to phones belonging to staff. The school can take no responsibility for, or dedicate any time to, lost / stolen / missing / damaged mobile phones.

Mobile phones should be switched off or on silent when engaged in professional duties in class and in meetings. Please note that the head teacher, when teaching, has a mobile phone to answer phone calls. This is switched to silent but the headteacher may answer the phone if the admin team are absent.

Exceptions:

- When a member of staff is not within their designated hours
- When engaged with educational visits, residential or sporting fixtures
- With the permission of the Headteacher in exceptional circumstances