

## Before and After School Club

### Mobile Phone Policy

#### Our Vision

At Bournes Green Infant School the governors, staff, children, parents and carers work together in an atmosphere of mutual respect and trust in a community that is strengthened and enriched by a diversity of background, culture and religion. Our priority is to foster the self-confidence, self-esteem and independence of **all** in a climate of growth and opportunity that will enable us to achieve the highest standards. We actively promote a healthy environment in which children enjoy learning and develop the skills needed to become responsible members of society. We aim to bring learning to life.

'**Strength Through Wisdom**' was the original mission statement for our school. Today we nurture our children to be confident and articulate with an enjoyment of learning in the belief that this will enable them to gain strength from their developing wisdom.

Bournes Green Infant and Junior School does not believe that children require a mobile phone in order to keep them safe. Indeed, it is often more dangerous for a child to be seen using a mobile phone than it is for them to be out of contact for short periods of time. Parents are reminded that in cases of emergency during the school day, the school office remains the appropriate point of contact, ensuring their child is reached quickly and assisted in the appropriate way.

However, the Junior school accept that there are specific times at which some parents may feel that their child needs to have a mobile phone with them, for the journey to or from school. In these extenuating circumstances, the policy for the use of them in school is outlined:

- Children are only permitted to bring their mobile phones into school when given permission by the Headteacher after their parents have approached the school with a specific concern.
- Children are not allowed to use their mobile phones on site at any time.
- If a child is caught using their own, or a "borrowed" mobile phone during the school day, the phone will be confiscated and parents will be notified.

Children should protect their phone numbers by only giving them to friends, keeping a note of who has them. This can help protect the child's number from falling into the wrong hands and guard against the receipt of insulting, threatening or unpleasant voice, text and picture messages.

Children are advised not to use their mobile phones as they walk next to roads, unless there is an emergency, as there have been traffic incidents involving children who are texting, or talking on the phone, not paying full attention to road use.

### **Theft or Damage**

Children should mark their mobile phone clearly with their names.

We accept no responsibility for replacing lost, stolen or damaged mobile phones.

We accept no responsibility for students who lose or have their mobile phones stolen while travelling to and from school.

The phone should be switched off in their bag and they should not draw attention to it.

**If a child is granted permission to for a mobile phone whilst at Bournes Green Junior School, the same rules and consequences apply at the Before and After School Club.**

**We reserve the right to refuse to allow children to bring a mobile phone to the Before or After School Clubs.**

This policy was reviewed and approved by Governors in Summer 2017. It will be reviewed in accordance with our Policy and Procedure Timetable.