Running Deer School

Mobile Phone Policy – Information for Parents & Carers

Our Woodland Learning Environment

At Running Deer School, we provide a calm, safe and nurturing environment where students can focus on learning, wellbeing and connection with nature. Limiting mobile phone use supports this ethos and helps keep our community safe.

Main Rule: No Mobile Phones During the School Day

Students must not use mobile phones or smartwatches from arrival to departure, including breaktimes and lunchtimes.

Phones Needed for the Journey?

If your child needs a phone for travel, they may hand it to staff on arrival for secure storage, or keep it switched off in their locked locker until the end of the day.

Exceptions

Exceptions may be agreed in special circumstances, such as health monitoring needs or caring responsibilities. Please contact Geraldine Carter, Head of School, to discuss.

If a Phone Is Used During the School Day

We use a restorative approach to support positive choices. Continued or harmful phone use may result in parents being asked to collect the phone or their child. Serious incidents may lead to exclusion.

Safeguarding First

Mobile phones can expose students to cyberbullying, harmful content, online grooming or distraction. A phone-free school day helps protect all learners.

Contacting Your Child During the Day

If you need to pass on a message, please contact the school office. Please do not contact your child directly on their mobile during school hours.

Parents, Carers & Visitors

When on site, please keep phones on silent, avoid phone use around students, and do not photograph or record other children.

Lost or Damaged Phones

The school cannot accept responsibility for phones brought to school unless agreed in writing. Phones should be labelled and password-protected.

Contact Us

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