

Featherstone Primary School

Our Mobile Phones & Devices Rules

Pupil-Friendly Policy • September 2026

Why do we have these rules?

Phones, smart watches and other devices can be useful but they can also distract us from learning and may cause problems. Our rules help everyone to feel safe, happy and ready to learn.

Our golden rule

NO PHONES IN SCHOOL
Need it for your journey? HAND IT IN.

Mobile phones

- Children should not normally bring a mobile phone into school.
- If you walk home alone and need a phone so that you can check in with your parent or carer, you may bring one to school.
- If you bring a phone for your journey, you **must** hand it to your class teacher when you arrive at school.
- Your phone will be kept in a safe place during the school day and returned to you at the end of the school day.
- If you feel unwell or need to contact home, tell a member of staff. The school will contact your parent or carer.
- **Never** use a phone or other device in the toilets or when getting changed.
- You are responsible for looking after any personal device you bring to school. The school cannot normally replace devices that are lost, stolen or damaged.

Smart watches and fitness trackers

- You may wear a smart watch or fitness tracker, but in school it **must** only be used as a watch.
- Messages, social media alerts and other functions must be switched off.
- You **must not** use a smart watch to take photographs.

Photos, videos and sharing

- Do not take photographs, videos or sound recordings of other people using a personal device.
- Do not send files between personal devices at school.
- Always use technology kindly and safely. Online bullying is treated seriously, just like bullying in school.

Sometimes a pupil may need a device

Some pupils may need access to a phone or device for a medical reason, SEND need, safety or another agreed reason. If this applies to you, school staff and your family will agree how and when the device can be used.

What happens if I break the rules?

- A member of staff may ask you to hand over your phone, smart watch or other device.
- The device may be kept safely in the headteacher's office.
- Other consequences may be given in line with our Behaviour Policy.
- If a device has been used to hurt, bully or put someone at risk, staff will take action to keep everyone safe.
- In some situations, an authorised member of staff may need to check a device or a pupil's belongings. Staff will explain why and follow the school's rules for searching and safeguarding.

Remember!

NO PHONE	HAND IT IN	COLLECT IT
Leave it at home if you do not need it.	Give it to your class teacher on arrival.	Get it back at the end of the school day.

If you are ever unsure about the rules, ask a member of staff.