

St George's Central CE Primary School and Nursery



Wednesday 11th February 2026

Re: Mobile phones for children in school (UKS2)

Dear parents/carers,

At St. George's Central CE Primary School and Nursery, our current approach with mobile phones for children is that children in Year 5 and Year 6 are permitted to bring their mobile phone to school **only** if they are walking to and/or from school on their own. The children are asked to switch them off as they enter our school site and they are stored in teachers' drawers until the end of the school day when they are returned. We ask that they only turn them on when they have left the school site.

We are amending some of our systems for children walking home on their own and mobile phones in school. In terms of children walking home on their own, a more 'formal' approach will be in place which will be shared with our current Year 4 and current Year 5 children as part of their transition to Year 5 and Year 6 in preparation for September 2026.

In terms of mobile phones in school, we are taking a more immediate approach. From Monday 23rd February 2026, we will continue with the approach of Year 5 and Year 6 children bringing their mobile phone to school **only** if they are walking to and/or from school on their own. We will continue with asking children to turn their phone off as they enter our school site and only turn them on as they leave. What will be different is that we are asking all these children to hand their phones in, to a member of staff (most likely Mrs Gray) at the extension external doors, near Year 4CB classroom. See picture below:



Children can do this from **8:30am** each morning. Phones will be securely stored in class baskets during the day. At home time, the children will return to this same door (see above) to collect their mobile phones from a staff member on their way home.

Earlier this morning, I spoke with all Year 5 and Year 6 children and explained this new approach, which will start on Monday 23rd February 2026. Should you have any questions, then please do not hesitate to contact me in school.

Yours sincerely,

Mr M Grogan

Headteacher

'Never settle for less than your best'

Jesus said, 'I am the light of the world. Whoever follows Me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life.' John 8:12