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Greenway Partnership Brick Mobile Phone Policy

Policy Statement

The Greenway Partnership is committed to providing safe, calm and purposeful schools where children can thrive academically, socially and emotionally. From September 2026, pupils across all Greenway Partnership schools will not be permitted to have smartphones on school sites unless an approved exemption applies.

Where a phone is required for travel or family communication, pupils may bring a basic "brick phone" capable only of calls and text messaging.

This policy aims to:

- Safeguard children and young people.
- Improve focus, concentration and engagement in learning.
- Support positive mental health and wellbeing.
- Reduce cyberbullying, peer pressure and online conflict.
- Encourage healthy face-to-face relationships.
- Promote responsible and age-appropriate use of technology.

Definitions

Brick Phone A basic mobile phone that allows: • Voice calls • Text messages (SMS)	Smartphone Any device that provides internet access, apps, social media or online messaging services.
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It does not allow: • Internet access • Social media • App downloads • Gaming • Video streaming • Messaging apps such as WhatsApp, Snapchat or Instagram	Smartphones are not permitted on Greenway Partnership school sites unless an exemption has been approved.
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Expectations

Pupils should not bring phones to school unless necessary.

Only Year 5 and 6 pupils are allowed to bring a phone to school if they are ‘independent walkers’

Any phone brought to school must be a brick phone.

Phones must be handed in to the class teacher at the start of the day for safe storage

Exemptions may be granted for:

- Medical needs
- SEND requirements
- Exceptional circumstances approved by the Headteacher

Exemption requests should be made in writing to the headteacher and will be reviewed regularly.

Breaches of the Policy

If a pupil brings a smartphone onto school site without permission:

First Incident

- Device confiscated.
- Parent/carers informed.
- Parent/carers required to collect the device.

Repeated Incidents

Schools may apply sanctions in accordance with their Behaviour Policy, including behaviour interventions or parental meetings.

Responsibilities

Pupils	Follow this policy at all times. Use technology responsibly. Respect staff instructions.
Parents and Carers	Support the policy. Ensure phones brought to school meet policy requirements. Encourage healthy technology habits at home.
Schools	Apply the policy fairly and consistently. Communicate expectations clearly. Support families during implementation.

Review

This policy will take effect from 1 September 2026 and will be reviewed annually by the Greenway Partnership.