



Royal Cross Primary School

Lancashire's school for deaf children



Mobile Phone use at school events

Dear Parent / Carer

Safeguarding

Our latest OFSTED confirmed that school's Safeguarding was judged to be "effective" and that there was a "strong culture of safeguarding". The report also confirmed that the procedures for admitting visitors to school were effective. These procedures include our school's Mobile Phone policy for visitors into school and at school events.

School Events and Mobile Phones

This week we are delighted to welcome parents and carers into school to celebrate Sports Day and the PTFA Summer Fair. However, at a previous event there were some misunderstandings around the use of mobile phones in school resulting in upset for some parents.

To avoid a repeat of that this time I would like to clear up any confusion and share school's policy on Mobile phone use on school premises as follows: -

- **ALL** visitors (parents/carers) into school are kindly asked to keep any personal cameras, mobile phones or other recording equipment either in their pocket or in their bag.
- Parents & carers are asked **NOT** to photograph, or video school events using their phones and asked **NOT** to publish any images on any social networking site of children other than their own.
- Parents and carers are responsible for ensuring any family members or friends visiting school understand and abide by these guidelines.
- If parents/carers forget – **you will be asked** by a member of staff or a Governor to put away your phone.

School Commitment - Photographs

We understand that this is a celebration event for parents/carers and the importance of having photographic 'memories' to share. To support this, school staff will be taking photos at all school events to share with families. This will enable staff to 'edit' all photographs to ensure that those children prohibited from appearing on photographs are not shared.

Statutory Duty

We have a statutory duty in school to protect the vulnerabilities of everyone within our school community and respect the rights of families who have asked that their children are **NOT** photographed, I'm sure that all our parents/carers will understand and support this.

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It is not our intention to follow the actions of other Primary Schools by asking visitors to hand in their phones at reception. We prefer to rely on an agreement of trust between school & families regarding the carrying and use of mobile phones on school premises.

For that reason, we politely ask that all visitors respect school's safeguarding procedures when carrying and using mobile phones/ digital recording devices in school.

*If you need to make a call, please ask a member of staff to take you to **the reception area**.

So, switch off your phones

Leave them in your bag/pocket

Enjoy cheering on the children at Sports Day

Share a picnic lunch with your child

Join in with the PTFA Summer Fair!



Have a wonderful day and thank you for your support.

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