

Broadwas CE Primary School, Broadwas on Teme, Worcester, WR6 5NE

Our Vision

As a church school, rooted in Christian values, our vision is inspired by the miracle of the loaves and the fishes. This demonstrates God's provision and care for us all through the generosity of one young child. By valuing each individual within our school family, we enable everyone to grow and flourish at Broadwas by providing a relevant, inclusive and knowledge rich curriculum in a stimulating, fun and loving environment.

At Broadwas we 'Live Our Values Everyday'

Mobile Phone and Camera Policy

Broadwas CE Primary School is committed to ensuring the safety of children in its care. We recognise the importance of mobile phones in school for communication purposes, but are aware that casual or inappropriate use of mobile phones in the school could pose a risk to children. This policy applies to all staff, volunteers and visitors, and covers both indoor and outdoor areas.

Staff personal mobile phones

The school accepts that employees will bring their mobile phones to work. The Governing Body has, therefore, adopted the following policy.

- As a general rule, employees are not permitted to make/receive calls/texts during work time. (excluding break/lunch times)
- Staff should ensure that mobile phones are turned off or on silent at all times while on school premises. They should be kept in a locker or bag and not be left on display.
- Staff are not at any time permitted to use recording equipment on their mobile phones, for example: to take photographs or videos of children
- Mobile phones should not be used in a space where children are present (eg. Classroom, playground).

Children

Children are not allowed to bring mobile phones into the school. In certain circumstances mobiles may be allowed into the school due to family situations. These will need to be prearranged with the Head teacher. The mobile will then remain in the school office, switched off, for the period of the school day.

Visitors and parents/carers

The school will display a notice advising visitors and parents/carers that mobile phones are not to be used in school where children are present. If a visitor or parent/carer is seen using their mobile phone, they will be asked to use it away from the children.

Visitors and parents/carers will be asked not to use social media to circulate photographs/films that have been taken of pupils at school events such as Sports Day or school productions and plays, particularly where other parents' children are in the photographs/films.

The School notes the following Ofsted advice

"Mobile phones may be used in school, as long as their use is appropriate. The use of a mobile phone must not detract from the quality of supervision and care of children. If inspectors observe, or become aware of, staff using a mobile phone for non-essential purposes they will consider drawing this to the attention of the manager, supervisor or registered provider. They will also consider if the staff member was meeting the needs of the children, when using the telephone, and consider the impact on inspection judgements, including setting an action."

Photographs

It is recognised that one of the key ways to support children's development, and engage parents in children's learning, is through photographs that record their children's activities and achievements. We will seek permission from parents/carers to take photographs of their children for this purpose, using the school's own cameras/iPads. Camera or video functions on mobile phones must not be used in the school or on school trips or visits.

Exceptional circumstances

This is an extended site and it may be necessary to use a mobile phone to communicate with other staff or request help or assistance. The use of a mobile phone in these circumstances will be permitted.

In the event that an employee has a particular reason for a specified period of time, they may request via the Headteacher that they leave their phone on during working hours.

It is recognised that mobile phones can be a useful way for staff to communicate with other staff when accompanying pupils off-site on school trips and visits. The use of mobile phones in these circumstances is permitted.

Failure to adhere to this policy may result in disciplinary action.

This policy was approved by the Governing Body on 4th December 2018.

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