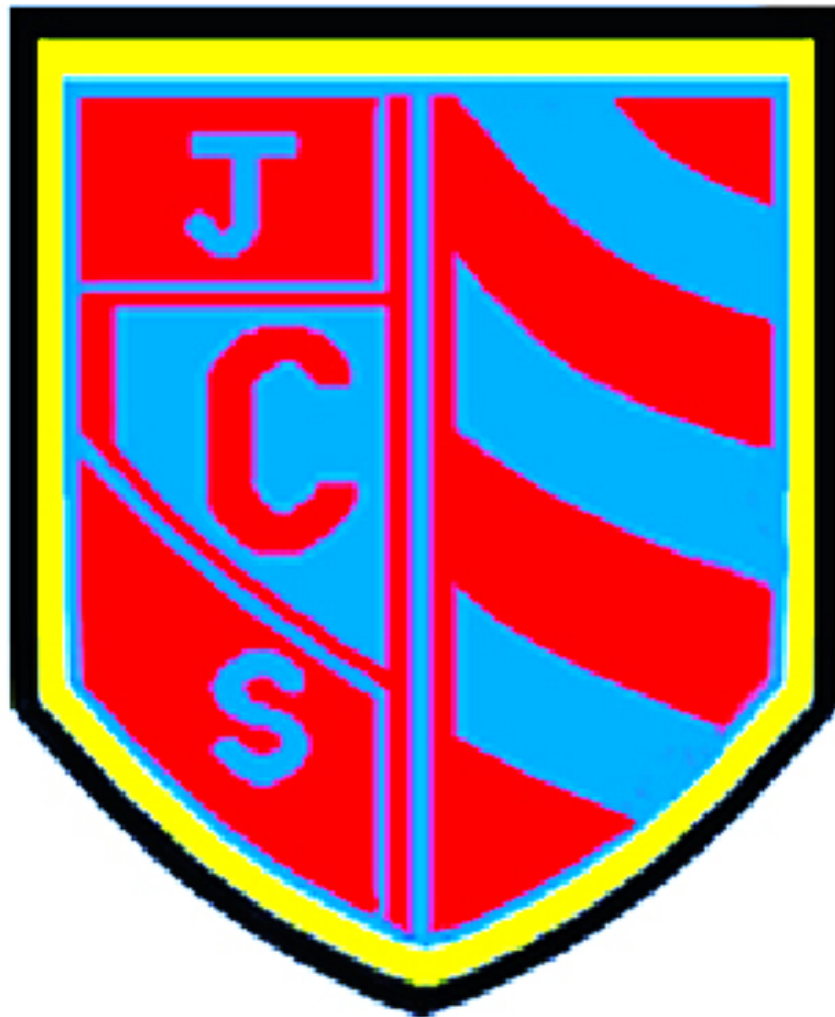


Mobile Phone/Smart Watch POLICY



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- Children who walk to and from school without an accompanying adult may have a mobile phone/smart watch for safety. In these cases, children may bring a mobile phone/smart watch to school but must deposit it with the school office at the start of the day and collect it from the office at the end of the day. They must be turned off or on silent mode
- Parents and carers need to be aware that whilst there are obvious benefits to pupils having a mobile phone/smart watch in terms of personal safety there are also some associated risks such as potential for theft, bullying and inappropriate contact, including grooming by unsuitable persons.
- We would also like to alert parents and carers to the risks that using a mobile phone/smart watch has while walking to and from school. Children who are concentrating on using their phone/smart watch can have reduced general safety awareness which may result in road accidents and/or injury if a child is not paying attention to their surroundings.
- Mobile phones/smart watches deposited in the office by children will be kept safely in the filing cabinet. Whilst the school will take every reasonable care, it accepts no responsibility whatsoever for theft, loss, damage or health effects (potential or actual) relating to mobile phones/smart watches. It is the responsibility of parents and carers to ensure mobile phones/smart watches are properly insured. It is recommended that pupil's phones/smart watches are security marked and password protected.
- Children are not allowed to bring mobile phones/smart watches into any other areas of the school.
- Any mobile phone/smart watch discovered to have been brought into the school and not handed in to the office will be confiscated immediately.
- Children are not allowed to carry mobile phones/smart watches on any school trips.
- If a member of the staff has any suspicion that a mobile phone/smart watch brought into school by a pupil has unsuitable material stored on it, the pupil will be required to hand over the phone/smart watch immediately to a member of staff and parents or carers will be asked to collect it from a member of the senior leadership team. In circumstances where there is a suspicion that the material on the mobile phone/smart watch may provide evidence relating to a criminal offence the phone/smart watch will be handed over to the school's safeguarding lead or to the head teacher for further investigation and the parent or carer asked to collect it from them.