

Valuable Personal Property Policy

Rationale

Saint Benedict's Catholic School aims to provide a safe, orderly and focused learning environment. Pupils are expected to take responsibility for their personal belongings and to make sensible decisions about what items they bring onto the school site.

Valuable items include, but are not limited to, money, jewellery, headphones, earbuds, smartwatches, electronic devices, gaming devices, and any other item of significant financial or personal value. Pupils bring such items to school at their own risk.

Personal Property and Liability

Neither the school nor the Local Authority carry insurance for personal property, and no liability can be accepted except that due to negligence by a member of staff. Large amounts of money or valuable possessions should not be brought to school and certainly not left unattended. If there are circumstances making it necessary to bring such items to school they should be taken to the school office for safe keeping with an explanatory note.

Mobile Phones and Smart Devices

Expectations regarding mobile phones and smart devices are detailed within the school's Mobile Phone Policy. Any mobile phone, smartwatch or similar device brought onto site must comply with that policy at all times.

Expectations

- Pupils should only bring items to school that are necessary for learning or travel to and from school.
- Valuable items must remain secure and under the owner's supervision at all times.
- The school accepts no responsibility for loss, theft or damage to personal property unless caused by proven negligence of a member of staff.
- Any item that distracts from learning, compromises safeguarding, or breaches school rules may be confiscated in accordance with the Mobile Phone Policy and Conduct and Engagement Policy.

Sanctions

Where a pupil refuses a reasonable instruction regarding a prohibited or confiscated item, sanctions will be applied in line with the Conduct and Engagement Policy. Serious or repeated breaches may result in parental contact and further disciplinary action.

Emergency Contact

Should a pupil need to contact home during the school day, or a parent/carer need to contact a pupil, this should be done through the school office.



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