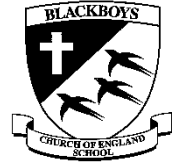


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Mobile Phone for Medical Use Policy: Diabetes Management

In our Church of England School, we take strength in collaboration yet celebrate uniqueness. As a school we may be small, but we encourage children to be the best they can be, so they are ready to make their mark on the world. We welcome the child yet embrace the whole family. We celebrate our rural environment yet aspire to look beyond our boundaries. We strive for knowledge and gratefully accept opportunities that come our way to enable us to live life in all its fullness. We all take a pride in our School as we follow in Jesus' example.

Perseverance, Fellowship, Courage, Respect, Understanding, Thankfulness

Purpose:

This policy sets out the guidelines for a pupil to carry and use a mobile phone in school strictly for managing Type 1 Diabetes. The phone is required for medical monitoring, such as use with Continuous Glucose Monitoring (CGM), insulin pump management, and virtual communication with parents/carers or healthcare providers.

1. Eligibility

This policy applies only to pupils with a formal medical diagnosis requiring the use of a mobile phone during the school day for health monitoring. This must be supported by a:

- Care plan
- Parent/guardian request and consent
- Agreement between the school, parents, and relevant healthcare providers

2. Approved Use of Mobile Phone

The mobile phone is permitted in school solely for the following:

- Monitoring blood glucose levels via a CGM or linked insulin pump app
- Receiving automated alerts related to blood sugar highs/lows
- Virtual alerts which contact a parent or carer in a medical emergency
- Data sharing with a healthcare provider, if required

Use for any non-medical purposes (e.g., texting, calling, social media, games, etc.) is **strictly prohibited** during school hours.

3. Safekeeping and Access

- The pupil may keep the phone on their person for real-time monitoring
- Teachers and staff will be informed of the child's condition and the need for the device.
- If not required to be on the pupil, the phone must be stored securely in the school office.

4. Safeguarding and Monitoring

- The school will ensure safeguarding protocols are followed and the child's privacy is respected.
- Staff will receive appropriate training to understand the medical use of such devices.
- Any misuse of the phone unrelated to medical need will result in a review of the agreement and possible revocation of permission.

5. Consent and Agreement

A **Parental Consent Form** must be completed and signed by:

- The parent/guardian

- The child (where age-appropriate)
- The Headteacher or designated safeguarding lead
- A member of the school first aid team.

This agreement will be reviewed annually or sooner if the pupil's medical needs or school policies change.

6. Data Protection and Confidentiality

The school will ensure any data collected via the medical device remains confidential and is handled in accordance with the UK GDPR and the school's data protection policy.

7. Review

This policy is to be reviewed at least annually or when there is a significant change in the child's medical plan.

Parental Consent Form

As parent(s)/Carer(s) of _____ I/we agree to comply by the mobile phone for medical use policy and support Blackboys School in their management of the policy.

Signed:

_____ Parent/carers

_____ Pupil (if year 4 or above)

_____ Headteacher

_____ First Aider