

## 32a: Application for Children's Mobile Phone Use

T-Club-6 Ltd firmly believes that a child of primary age does not require access and use of a mobile phone, particularly one with Internet availability. However, it does recognise that in some circumstances parents may wish their child to bring one to club.

If a parent feels it is genuinely necessary for their child to bring a mobile phone to club then they must seek permission from the Manager to have that phone in club. Permission is only valid for the academic year it was authorised within. At the end of the year forms will be destroyed.

For this permission to be granted a parent/carer must:

- Attend a 'Children and Technology meeting provided by the school.
- Complete the Application form and return it to the club for approval. No devices should be sent into the club until approval has been provided.
- Recognise and meet the following expectations:
  - Permission has already been sought from the school and T-Club has your permission to check.
  - T-Club does NOT accept any responsibility for mobile phones bought onto the premises and they are entirely at the owner's risk.
  - The mobile phone must be:
    - i) Named
    - ii) Switched off when on club premises (including the playground and access areas)
    - iii) Given to and stored with the Club Manager or Deputy on arrival in the club.
    - iv) Monitored regularly by a parent or carer (Cyber-bullying is a serious matter with damaging outcomes. Regular monitoring of children's use of mobile devices by parents/carers is a proven and highly effective strategy in the prevention of this form of bullying.)
  - The mobile phone must **not** have Internet access -a smart phone is therefore not recommended.
  - The Club Manager or staff under the direction of the Manager will undertake regular monitoring checks to ensure children not using their phones.

Parents should also consider that a child carrying and using a mobile device may:

- Attract unwanted attention by other members of the public
- Be distracted and this could compromise their road safety
- Be vulnerable to cyber bullying

Should any of the above expectations not be met, the phone will be withheld by the club until such time as a parent/carer comes to collect it and may result in the loss of this privilege entirely.

*Parents should be reminded that Surrey Social Services now recognise that parents who do not provide adequate boundaries, guidance and supervision for their children whilst on the internet is a reportable cause for concern. Consequently, parents who consistently ignore advice and take no action can be referred to the department for further investigation.*



**Application for Phone Use** -To be completed by Parent/Carer and sent to the Manager of T-Club-6 Ltd.

Academic Year: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of pupil: \_\_\_\_\_ Class: \_\_\_\_\_

I have read, understood and fully agree to the expectations set by the Club in application for Children's mobile Phone Use Policy.

I agree to T-Club-6 checking with the school that permission for a children's mobile phone has been given.

The mobile phone will be in the club on: (Circle) Mon, Tues, Wed, Thurs, Fri

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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**Reply for Phone Use -Club Use Only**

**Academic Year:** \_\_\_\_\_

Name of pupil: \_\_\_\_\_ Class: \_\_\_\_\_

Your application for Mobile Phone Use:

- Has been authorised.
- Has not been authorised.

COMMENT:

Club Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_