



THRYBERGH PRIMARY SCHOOL

Oldgate Lane, Thrybergh, Rotherham, S65 4JG

☎ 01709 850732 ✉ office@thryberghprimary.org 🌐 thryberghprimary.org

HEADTEACHER: Mrs R Parry-McDermott

Important Update: Our Mobile Phone Policy and Government Guidance

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we enter the final three weeks of the summer term ahead of our last day on 17th July, I want to thank you for your wonderful support throughout this school year.

As part of our commitment to maintaining a safe, focused, and happy environment for our children, I am writing to share an update regarding mobile phones and smart devices. Under the government's statutory education framework, all schools in England are required to operate as mobile phone-free environments by default.

For the vast majority of our pupils, school is already a naturally phone-free zone. However, to ensure we are fully aligned with national regulations and to provide total clarity for families, especially those with older children who may bring a phone for their journey to and from school, please see our policy details below.

Our School Rules on Devices

- **Devices Covered:** This applies to all mobile phones and smartwatches that have notification, messaging, or calling capabilities.
- **The "Handed In" Rule:** If a child needs to bring a phone to school (for example, if they walk home independently in Upper Key Stage 2), the device must be switched completely off and handed directly to their class teacher / the school office as soon as they enter the building.
- **Collection:** Devices will be stored securely by staff during the day and returned to the child at dismissal time. Devices must not be kept in children's trays, coat pockets, or school bags.

Important Exceptions (SEND and Medical Needs)

In strict compliance with national guidance and the Equality Act, reasonable adjustments will always be made for children who require a device for medical or accessibility reasons.

Note: If your child uses a smart device to manage a health condition (such as continuous blood glucose monitoring for diabetes) or as an agreed SEND communication aid, please contact our SENDCo or pastoral team so we can arrange an official exemption pass.

Reaching Your Child During the Day

We want to reassure you that communication channels are always open.





THRYBERGH PRIMARY SCHOOL

Oldgate Lane, Thrybergh, Rotherham, S65 4JG

 01709 850732  office@thryberghprimary.org  thryberghprimary.org

HEADTEACHER: Mrs R Parry-McDermott

- If you need to get a message to your child, please call the main school office on 01709 850732, and our office team will ensure the message reaches your child's classroom immediately.
- If a child is upset or needs to contact home, our school office or support staff will place the call safely on their behalf.

Our primary goal is to protect our children's childhood, allowing them to enjoy active, creative playtimes and distraction-free learning.

Thank you for your partnership in keeping our school community safe and focused. If you have any questions or require an adjustment for your child, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Warm regards,

Mrs R Parry-McDermott

Headteacher

