

St Edmund's watch and wearable technology Policy

This policy covers all timepieces and wearable technology including Smart, digital and analogue. It includes all pupils from EYFS through to Form 11. If a pupil decides to wear a watch to school the following points must be adhered to.

- Smart watches (and most wearable technology) are high value items. They are not covered by the school's insurance policy in the case of loss, damage or theft, and as such the school recommends that like any other high value/attractive item they are not brought into school.
- If such a device is to be brought to school, it must be clearly, visibly and **permanently** labelled on the outside so that anyone who finds it can return it to its owner. Being identifiable to the owner via something stored within it is not a suitable or acceptable alternative.
- The device must not have any recording capability; this includes video, pictures or sound.
- The device, whilst at school, **MUST NOT** be able to connect to the internet. This includes via Wi-Fi or via mobile connectivity such as 3, 4 or 5G.
- No content is to be stored on the device that would breach the school's acceptable use policy. All content must be age appropriate to the age of the wearer.
- By bringing a Smart watch or a watch with internal storage into school the pupil and parent(s)/Guardian(s) give the school permission to check the content of the device should the school feel there is a need to.
- The school has the right to ban the possession of such items in school for individual children if, in the view of the school, the item disturbs learning or good order and discipline.
- There are separate rules relating to the wearing of watches in exams. These rules are covered in the school exam policy.

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