GRESHAM PRIMARY SCHOOL

MOBILE DEVICES & WEARABLE TECHNOLOGY POLICY

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1. Introduction & Purpose

At Gresham Primary School, we are committed to providing a safe, focused, and secure learning environment. Rapid advancements in wearable technology—specifically smart glasses and recording eyewear (e.g., Meta Ray-Ban, Apple Vision Pro, Google Glass)—present unique challenges to primary school settings.
Because these devices are capable of discreetly taking photographs, recording video/audio, streaming live data, and utilising built-in Artificial Intelligence (AI) without obvious visual cues, they pose a significant risk to child safeguarding, data protection (GDPR), and academic focus.

2. Scope

This policy applies to all individuals on the school site or participating in school-organised activities (such as field trips, sports days, and performances):

- Pupils
- Staff (including teaching, administrative, supply, and site staff)
- Parents, Carers, and volunteers
- Governors, Contractors, and External Visitors

3. Rules for Pupils

Blanket Prohibition: Pupils are strictly prohibited from bringing, wearing, or using smart glasses, smartwatches with cameras, or any other video/audio-recording wearable technology on the school premises or during school trips.

- **Standard Eyewear Allowed:** This restriction applies *only* to "smart" or connected eyewear. Standard prescription glasses, reading glasses, and traditional protective sunglasses for outdoor sport/sun protection are completely unaffected.
- **Storage & Confiscation:** If a parent insists a pupil must carry a smart device for safety during their journey to/from school (e.g., walking home alone in Year 6), the device must be turned completely off and handed into the School Office immediately upon arrival.
- **Enforcement:** Any unauthorised smart glasses found active in the classroom or playground will be confiscated immediately, stored securely in the school office, and returned only to a parent or carer at the end of the day.

4. Rules for Staff & Volunteers

- **Safeguarding Compliance:** Staff must lead by example to maintain professional standards. Personal smart glasses or recording wearables must not be worn while teaching or in the presence of children.
- **Capturing Images:** Staff are strictly forbidden from using personal smart devices to take photos or videos of pupils. All legitimate school documentation and media capture must be performed using school-owned equipment (such as school iPads or official digital cameras).
- **Storage:** Personal smart eyewear or devices must be turned off or muted and stored securely in a staffroom locker, desk drawer, or cupboard during contact hours.

5. Rules for Parents, Carers, and Visitors

- **Privacy of Other Children:** A primary school is a highly sensitive environment where children cannot consent to being recorded. Parents and visitors entering the school grounds (including the reception desk, corridors, and playground gates) must remove or completely power down any smart eyewear.
- **School Events:** During sports days, school performances, parents' evenings, off-site tournaments or assemblies, the use of recording eyewear is strictly prohibited.

6. Medical and Accessibility Exemptions

The school recognises that certain advanced eyewear provides essential accessibility features for pupils or staff with visual, auditory, cognitive, or medical conditions.

- **Approval Process:** If a pupil requires smart eyewear as a necessary medical or educational aid, parents must apply for an exemption through the Headteacher and Special Educational Needs Coordinator (SENCo).

7. Policy Breaches

Failure to adhere to this policy compromises child safety and data integrity.

- **Pupils:** Will face standard school disciplinary measures, and the technology will be confiscated.
- **Staff:** Unauthorised usage or recording of children on personal devices may result in disciplinary action up to and including dismissal, in line with the Staff Code of Conduct.
- **Visitors/Parents:** Individuals who refuse to comply with device restrictions or take unauthorised secret recordings will be asked to leave the premises immediately and may face a temporary or permanent ban from the school grounds.