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Is there an up to date mobile phone policy (staff use)?

Please see the ICT Acceptable Use Policy at the following link: https://www.edinburgh.gov.uk/directory-record/1146165/ict-acceptable-use-policy

Are schools (staff) allowed to use phones in school, e.g. WhatsApp work group as communication?

Education staff, including school-based staff, are permitted to utilise personal devices in line with CEC ICT Acceptable Use policy. The use of personal devices is permitted but are not to be used as a daily/core necessity. Where there is a core necessity, a council issued device should be utilised, this could be a laptop, iPad or mobile phone. CEC has provided digital tools that allow staff communication and collaboration, including Microsoft Teams (Chat, Meet are included). WhatsApp is not an approved CEC resource and is not available on any council issued device.