

Friday, 1<sup>st</sup> December, 2023

### **Mobile Phones in school – our view**

Dear Parents / Carers,

We have noticed that an increasing number of Year 6 children want to (or parents ask them to) bring their mobile phone to school if they are making their own way home at the end of the day. Our stance is that the only circumstances for which we allow pupils to bring phones are that:

- The pupil is walking to/from school alone
- Their parents have completed the google form
- The phone is neither visible or switched on at any time whilst the child is on the school site
- The pupil has **never** been found to have taken part in any form of inappropriate posting, bad language, image-sharing or any other action which could be deemed as cyber-bullying or unsafe online behaviour

Any phones which come to school are to be turned off and handed in to the class teacher at the start of the day.

We have discussed this with the children explaining the rules we apply in school for both children and staff, reminding them of the fact that for almost all aspects of social media there is a legal age implemented. The children are all aware of the benefits and pitfalls of social media, the issues with spending too much time on devices and also how to maintain a “clean” online profile.

We request you complete the google form below to acknowledge the fact that only pupils who walk home alone are permitted to bring a phone into school. In the event of a phone coming to school without permission, being used on the school premises, or not being handed in it will be confiscated and we will ask parents to come in to collect it from the office.

<https://forms.gle/RgGcD9ShFuA5vjmt5>

Yours sincerely

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