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Dear Parents / Carers

Use of Mobile Phones

We wanted to take the opportunity to confirm our school policy with regard to mobile phones. This is designed to protect all our Year 6 pupils who are the sole cohort given permission to bring phones to school if they are walking or cycling to and from school. We appreciate that this is an invaluable part of your family safety plan and we are committed to supporting this.

When the children arrive at school, it is expected that they power off their phone; it is not permitted for any pupil to have their phone on whilst on the school site at the start or at the end of the school day. In order to support this the following procedures are now in place;

- Phones will be collected by the Teaching team as pupils enter the school building
- Pupils will be reminded to hand in their phone – it is not permitted to keep their mobile in their bag
- Pupils who intentionally fail to hand in their mobile may be subject to sanctions. We are not expecting that this will be necessary however there have been occasions when pupils have failed to respond to persistent reminders
- Mobiles will be secured safely in the school office during the school day
- Phones will be returned to pupils as they exit the classroom at the end of the school day
- It is not permitted for any pupil to film or photograph another pupil whilst on the school site. This poses a safeguarding risk as pupils are easily identifiable in school uniform
- We wish to work together with parents to help pupils understand the wider risks associated with filming and photographing each other off school site and of sharing images. This remains part of our school community safeguarding procedures

I hope you feel reassured by these protective measures and would like to reassure you of our onward commitment to the safety of every pupil in our care.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do contact us and we will be very pleased to help you.

Many thanks

Iain Witts

Headteacher