



## Mobile Phone Policy

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### Children and mobile phones in school

In recent times there has been an increase, almost exclusively in Year 6, in children bringing phones to school. We now feel a need to clarify the rules and circumstances for their presence in school.

There is generally no need for children to bring mobile phones to school. If as a parent or carer you feel that there are **exceptional circumstances** that warrant the bringing of a phone, then please complete the application form attached, which will be retained in the school office. **Applications will only be considered for parents whose child is in Year 6.**

The following conditions will apply:

- The phone must be clearly labelled with the child's name and class.
- It should be a basic model that is enabled only to take and receive phone calls and texts to ensure the safety of your child. Smart phones are not allowed (eg. iPhone and Samsung Galaxy models) as these are expensive products that place your child at risk of theft as well as having other functions which may present unnecessary safeguarding risks to our children. It also means that the office has potentially thousands of pounds worth of additional equipment to secure, furthermore it avoids children feeling peer pressure as a result of other children's phones.
- It should be handed in to the school office.
- It should be collected from the school office at the end of the school day.

Under no circumstances may the phone be retained by your child during the course of the day and doing so will lead to its confiscation (this includes all school trips and sports events). We would also urge you to insist that your child does not use the phone for anything other than emergency reasons on the way to and from school.

iPods and other music devices may not be brought to school under any circumstances. Listening to music on the way to and from school is both dangerous in terms of traffic awareness and also increases the risk of theft.

Thank you in advance for your support.



## APPLICATION FOR STORAGE OF MOBILE PHONE IN SCHOOL

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Class: \_\_\_\_\_

I am writing to request that my child be allowed to store his/her phone in the school office during the day. The risks to his/her health and safety which would exist if they did not have a mobile phone with them as they walk to and from school are:

I accept and understand the following conditions:

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- It should be a basic model that is enabled only to take and receive phone calls and texts to ensure the safety of your child. Smart phones are not allowed (eg. iPhone and Samsung Galaxy models) as these are expensive products that place your child at risk of theft as well as having other functions which may present unnecessary safeguarding risks to our children. It also means that the office has potentially thousands of pounds worth of additional equipment to secure, furthermore it avoids children feeling peer pressure as a result of other children's phones.
- It should be handed in to the class teacher on entering their classroom.
- It should be collected from the class teacher at the end of the school day.

Name of parent/carer: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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### Class Teacher Response

I grant permission for the mobile phone to be stored in school.

I am unable to grant permission because: