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Dear Parents and Carers,

Following a couple of phone related incidents in school recently (children playing on their phones at lunchtime and at the end of the day), we have had to re-look at how we monitor and facilitate phones in school whilst keeping children safe and without compromising our Behaviour for Learning and Safeguarding Policies

Children own phones... This is particularly prevalent in Years 5 and 6. Phones are an important way of helping children to keep safe when walking to school and back home. These children are the only children that have a need for a phone in school unless there are special circumstances that could be approved by the school. If parents wish their children to have their phones with them whilst travelling to and from school and as a result, keep them safely in school, the permission slip below **MUST** be completed and returned to school. **School does not accept any responsibility for phones that are not kept in the school office during the school day.**

After an incident where a child was posting from the school premises, it has been decided that only approved and agreed children are to bring phones to school. If approved, then these children will be assumed to have brought their phone and they will have to be handed into the office at the start of the day. Their phone will be kept safely in a box with other phones until home time, when, after the bell has gone and children are dismissed, they can collect their phones.

Children who have a phone in school will receive one-day isolation. This would be for children that are approved and for those who are not. It is important that parents know their children are taking their phones to school and this system would ensure that all parties would be aware.

By employing this policy, we would be safeguarding children and staff; making sure expensive tech is not lost, damaged or stolen and giving children the safety net they need when walking to and from school alone.

Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions or concerns.

Many thanks as always for your continual support.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs A Howarth
Headteacher

Mr W Bridge
Assistant Headteacher

My child.....class..... has my permission to bring a phone to school and will hand it in to the school office, switched off, each day.

I understand the phone remains the responsibility of my child and that School does not accept any responsibility for phones that are not kept in the school office during the school day.

Signed.....

Date.....