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Dear Parents and Guardians,

Children own phones...fact! 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 are approved by the school. If parents want 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 handed to a member of staff during the school day.**

The Governors and staff here in school have made the decision 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 their class staff at the start of the day. Their phone will be kept safely in class until home time.

Children who have a phone in school that has not been either approved or handed in will receive a 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 would ensure that all parties would be aware.

By employing this policy, we will 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 me if you have any questions or concerns.

Many thanks as always for your continual support.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs A Howarth
Headteacher

My child.....Class..... has my permission to bring a phone to school and will hand it in to a member of their class staff team, 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 by staff during the school day.

Signed..... Date.....