



English Martyrs' Catholic Primary School



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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 and from school. These children are the **only** children that have a need for a phone in school unless there are special circumstances that are approved. If parents want children to have their phones with them whilst travelling to and from school and as a result, keep them in school, the permission slip below **MUST** be completed and returned as soon as possible.

The Governors and staff have made the decision that only approved and agreed children are to bring phones to school. If approved, then these children must hand their phones into their class staff at the start of the day. Their phone will be kept in the office until home time.

It is also becoming more popular for children to have *smart watches* and there is a current rise in the use of *smart glasses* too, both of these can act in a similar way to Smart Phones. Therefore, the same policy applies, children must hand these into class staff when they get to school.

It is important to note that even if approved, children are not to use their phones or smart watches/glasses on school premises, this includes before and after school.

Any children who are found to have a phone or a device in school that has not been either approved or handed in, will have their device confiscated and will receive a sanction. Parents will be informed as soon as possible so that they are aware that their children have brought their phones/devices to school and so they can arrange to collect them.

This policy is now statutory to ensure that children and staff are safeguarded. It will also ensure that expensive tech is not lost, damaged or stolen whilst giving children the safety net they need when walking to and from school alone.

Please be aware that school does not accept any responsibility for any phones or smart devices during the school day.

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

Many thanks as always for your continual support.

Yours sincerely,

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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.....

