

9th May 2018

Dear Parents/Carers,

Re: Mobile Phones

Mobile phones have become part of our everyday lives and certainly part of the lives of young people. They are fantastic devices and have many functions which improve our lives. Most importantly, we are able to contact our children whenever we need to and they can reach us which helps to build their independence whilst also keeping them safe.

Unfortunately, we are facing an increasing number of issues within school related to mobile phones which is what has prompted me to send this letter outlining some reminders about rules relating to mobile phones in school as well as how you can keep your child safe whilst using their phone.

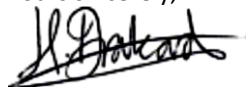
- If you would like your child to bring their phone to school – and this should only be if you are concerned about their safety before and after school - this is entirely at your own risk. The school accepts no responsibility for any loss or damage whilst the device is on the school premises.
- Phones must be put in the phone box first thing in the morning, this is then kept safely in the school office all day. If a pupil is found with their mobile phone on them during the school day, it will be confiscated and must be collected by a parent/carer.
- When phones are given back to pupils at home time, they must be put away in their bags or pockets until they have left the school building. If a pupil is using their phone during this time, it will be confiscated and must be collected by a parent/carer.

I would also like to take this opportunity to share age restrictions relating to various apps that we are aware many of the children are using.

Social Media Platform	Age Restriction
Twitter	13
Facebook	13
Instagram	13
Snapchat	13
Musical.ly	13
Whatsapp	16
YouTube	18

If you are allowing your child to use these apps under-age, it is your responsibility to monitor their usage and ensure they are only accessing age-appropriate material as well as behaving responsibly online. We have arranged for an e-safety workshop for Year 6 to take place next half term. We are also planning to hold an e-safety talk for parents in the near future.

Yours sincerely,



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