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Dear Parents and Carers

An increasing number of children are bringing mobile phones to school. We felt that the following guidance would be helpful. Please could you sign the permission slip below if you feel it is applicable for your child to bring a mobile to school.

Mobile phone guidance

- Parents should discourage pupils from bringing mobile phones to school unless it is essential for safety.
- Where parents allow children to bring a mobile phone to school, they do so entirely at their own risk. The school accepts no responsibility for any loss or damage whilst the phone is on school premises. Where a pupil does bring a mobile phone to school, the phone must remain switched off during the school day and may not be used, for any purpose, on school premises, grounds or during off-site school activities (such as school swimming or sports activities). The only exception to this would be with the express approval of a member of school staff. The Headteacher may, at their discretion, allow any member of staff to approve such requests or may nominate a specific person to consider such requests.
- Any phone brought to school must be handed to the teacher during the day.
- Where a school pupil is found by a member of staff to be using a mobile phone, as above, for any purpose, the phone will be confiscated from the pupil and returned only to the parent, guardian or carer.
- The school will treat breaches of this guidance as they would treat any other breach of school rules or behaviour.
- Staff are not permitted to use mobile phones whilst carrying out any duty that involves supervision or contact with children (with the exception of trips and visits where their use is permitted to facilitate the health and safety of the members of the party). There may also be exceptional circumstances e.g. ill health – which would make the use of a mobile phone necessary, and it is expected that staff would use their discretion in such use.
- This guidance applies to all aspects of the school, including out of hours provision (e.g. before and after school club and clubs run by staff and outside providers).

Yours sincerely

Rob Pepper

Mr R Pepper
Headteacher

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Please complete and return to the school office.

Child's name: Class

I give permission for my child to bring a mobile phone to school but accept that they do so at their own risk and the school accepts no responsibility for any loss or damage whilst on school premises. I understand that mobile phones must be handed to the class teacher during the school day. Any breach of this code will lead to the phone being confiscated from the pupil and returned only to the parent, guardian or carer.

Signed:

Date:.....

Parent/Carer



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