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Dear Parents and Carers

We have noticed a significant increase in the number of our children bringing mobile phones into school in Year Six. We understand that these phones provide the children with a way of communicating with their family before and after school when necessary. The children are aware that their phones should be off and stored where their teacher has told them during the school day.

This procedure is being followed well by the children, however we have become aware that more and more children are starting to use their phones as soon as they have left the classroom at the end of the day. This is making them unaware of their surroundings at a busy time and does not model sensible device usage for the younger children. We have reminded them that phones are not permitted to be used on the school site (unless in special circumstances discussed with an adult).

Following discussions between the Upper KS2 staff, we have prepared an agreement which we feel provides clear guidelines for the children. We would like all children that wish to bring in their phone to read and sign this agreement and then return it to the school office, so we can ensure that they are fully aware of the expectations surrounding phones in school.

Just as with a mobile phone, internet access enables a smart watch with whole world of potential capabilities, like message notifications, GPS navigation and calendar synchronization. A Bluetooth connection to a mobile phone means the watch can place calls or send and receive messages. Under the circumstances we request that children do not wear smart watches to school.

Other mobile communication devices – we request that children do not bring any other mobile communication device into school.

We know mobile phones can be a valuable and important resource for our children; we frequently discuss safe use of these devices, both in general and as part of our online safety lessons. This agreement is an extension of this key aspect of online safety, as we want the children to develop sensible habits surrounding their phone usage and to be aware that there are times where using a phone is not appropriate.

Yours sincerely

Mrs D Sage
Headteacher