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Creating a Mobile Phone Free Zone on School Site

Dear Parents and Carers,

As part of our ongoing commitment to safeguarding, promoting positive role modelling, and ensuring the safety and wellbeing of all children, we are introducing a **Mobile Phone Free Zone** across the school site.

We respectfully ask all parents, carers and visitors to refrain from using mobile phones while on school premises, including during drop-off and collection times.

This approach reflects current government guidance and supports our safeguarding responsibilities by helping to protect the privacy and safety of all children.

Why are we introducing this measure?

The use of mobile phones on school sites can present a number of challenges, including:

- The potential for photographs or videos of children to be taken without consent.
- Distractions during busy arrival and departure times.
- Reduced interaction between adults and children.
- Increased safeguarding and privacy concerns.

By creating a mobile phone free environment, we can ensure that all children are protected and that parents, carers and staff remain fully focused on their safety.

What does this mean for parents and visitors?

We kindly ask that you:

- Put mobile phones away before entering the school grounds.
- Avoid making or receiving calls whilst on site unless it is an emergency.
- Refrain from taking photographs, videos or using social media whilst on the premises.
- Wait until you have left the school site before checking messages or making calls.

Emergencies

We understand that exceptional circumstances may arise. If you need to use your phone for an urgent matter, please speak to a member of staff who will be happy to assist.

- Reminder; if your child must bring a phone into school (for example if they walk alone to and from school, usually Y5 and 6) please complete the necessary paperwork and agreement. Phones will be turned off before entering school, handed in and secured until the end of the day. Please see our mobile phone usage policy for more details.

Working Together

We appreciate your support in helping us create a safe, respectful and child-focused environment. By working together, we can ensure that our school remains a place where safeguarding is everyone's responsibility.

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

Yours sincerely,

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