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Dear Parent/Carer

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Re: Year 5 & 6 Mobile Phones

I am writing to all parents of children in Year 5 and Year 6 regarding our protocol on bringing mobile phones into school.

Only children in Year 5 & 6 are allowed mobile phones in school. We understand that some parents want their child to have a mobile phone for safety reasons once they leave the school site or need to use them to make arrangements. However, mobile phones are not something a child needs access to during the day at primary school.

The phone MUST be handed in to the Class Teacher during registration each morning. All phones are then kept securely in the Teacher's cupboard. This is for two reasons: firstly, it ensures the safety of the phone which then cannot be removed from someone's bag in the cloakroom and secondly, it is to protect the individual child from allegations of improper use.

If another child took your child's phone out of their bag and used the phone inappropriately, it is your child who would be held accountable based on the fact that they had not followed school protocol and handed their phone into their teacher at the beginning of the day.

Unfortunately, last week, Miss Hepple asked her class three times to hand in any mobile phones and a few children did so. It was only when she informed the class that I would be doing a spot check, that four further children declared that they had a phone in their bags. Not only is this a breach of the school protocol for mobile phones but is also incredibly disrespectful to their teacher.

The situation regarding mobile phones will continue to be monitored and if any child does not hand their phone in at the beginning of the school day and is found to have kept it in their bag, I will have to contact individual parents and arrange for their phone to be handed in to me at the school office if it is essential that they have one. Any further breaches may result in them not being allowed to bring a phone to school.

Could I please ask that if you want your child to bring their mobile phone to school, that you have a conversation with them about how important it is to follow safety procedures which have been put in place to protect both them and their expensive devices.

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All adults in school also have to follow safety protocols and have signed an ICT Acceptable Use Policy.

If you have any queries or concerns please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely

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