

Thursday 30th January 2020

Dear Junior School Parents and Carers,

Due to some recent incidents in school involving children's mobile phones and social media, we have reviewed our procedure for children's use of mobile phones in school.

In order to ensure safety for all of our children, from Monday 3rd February, only children who are walking independently to and from school in Year 5 & 6 will have permission to bring mobile phones onto the school premises. Parents and carers must give written consent for children to bring their mobile phones to school and accept full responsibility for any loss or damage while they are on school premises.

Before entering school premises, all mobile phones must be switched off and once in school handed to the responsible adult. This adult will ensure they are secured and will not be accessible to children during the school day. Mobile phones must be clearly labelled with the child's name and class. At the end of the day, mobile phones will be returned to the children and only be switched on once they have left the school premises.

If children without permission bring mobile phones onto the school premises or children use their phones/switch them on while on school premises, they will be confiscated and only returned following a meeting with parents and carers.

In relation to the use of social media, please be vigilant which websites and platforms your children are accessing, as there are many dangers. We teach the children about this in school and are keen to work in partnership with parents and carers to keep your children safe online. There is more information available on our website and we are planning some workshops following the half term break to support parents and carers with this sensitive issue.

We look forward to your continued support and cooperation with this matter. If you have any questions, please speak to your child's class teacher.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Liz Hardy Headteacher



