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Dear Parents and Carers,

Mobile Phone Arrangements for Pupils From Monday 13th April 2026

We are writing to share an update on our school's mobile phone policy, in line with Department for Education guidance and our commitment to keeping school a safe, calm and focused place for learning.

As children grow in independence, we understand that some families may feel a mobile phone is helpful for the journey to and from school. To support this while maintaining a distraction-free environment, we have put the following rules in place.

Who May Bring a Phone to School

Only **Year 6 pupils** are permitted to bring a mobile phone to school. This is intended for those who walk independently and may need to contact home before or after school.

Type of Phone Allowed

To ensure safety and minimise distractions:

- Only **basic non-smartphones** are allowed.
- Phones must not have internet access, apps, or a camera.
- Smartphones are **not permitted** unless medically required.
- Smartwatches are **not permitted**

How Phones Must Be Managed

If your child brings a phone:

- It must be **switched off before entering the school site**.
- It must be **handed in to the school office** on arrival and collected at the end of the day.
- It must remain **switched off throughout the entire school day**, including break and lunchtime.
- Phones may only be switched on **once your child has left the school site** at the end of the day.

If a Phone Is Used Improperly

If a phone is seen or used during the school day:

- It will be **confiscated** and stored safely in the school office.
- A parent or carer will need to **collect it in person**.
- Repeated misuse may result in your child losing the privilege of bringing a phone to school.

Responsibility for Phones

Please note that phones are brought to school **at your child's own risk**. The school cannot accept responsibility for loss, theft or damage.

We appreciate your support in helping us maintain a positive learning environment for all pupils. If you have any questions, please contact your child's teacher.

If parents wish to send their child to school with a mobile phone, a permission form needs to be completed and returned to the headteacher. A copy of the letter can be picked up from the school office.

Warm regards,

Emma Longworth

Alternative Options to Smart Phones

This list is not comprehensive and will be updated annually based on the changes in technology and the available devices on the market. As a school we have focussed on the options associated with keeping children safe and allowing a level of independence for our children in Year 6.

Children in classes below Year 6 are not permitted to have any electronic communication device in school.

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Nokia 2660 Flip £50-60

Texts and phone calls
Very long lasting battery
Range of colours
Bright, colourful display (non pixelated text)
Built in FM radio, MP3 player and torch
Snake (and Tetris but you need to pay for the full game)
Single rear facing camera (no selfies!)

Nokia 5710 £74.99

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Inbuilt mp3 player with storage for thousands of songs
Inbuilt speaker
Wireless FM radio
Great sound quality
Great battery life
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