



## **Mobile Phones (including 'smart' devices) in School**

The school understands that parents may like older children to bring a mobile phone, or other 'smart' devices, to school so that they can check that their child(ren) are safe on the homeward journey.

The school does not operate an outright ban on these; however, we advocate that only children in Year 5 and Year 6 should bring them into school.

Mobile phones and smart devices enable children to use camera, send text messages, make calls and may have GPS. While these technologies have many positive benefits, they also have the potential to be misused. They can become an instrument of bullying or harassment directed against pupils and/or staff.

These devices are not allowed to be used in school (including events such as discos). They must be switched off and handed into the 'class tray' in the morning and collected at the end of the day.

Children bringing in these devices into school do so at their own risk. The school will not accept any responsibility for them: including loss, theft or damage.

Children who do not follow these guidelines will have their device confiscated and returned only to their parent or guardian.

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