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Dear Parents,

Mobile phones

I am writing to update you with regards to the rules on the children having mobile phones in school. As a school, we are continually reviewing safeguarding procedures and following frequently updated guidance sent by the trust.

The general rule is that children **are not allowed to bring mobile phones into school**. However, as some of the older children walk to and from school on their own (with parental permission only), we understand that it gives you peace of mind to know that your child has a way of contacting you if there are any issues. Therefore, children who walk to and from school on their own, may bring a phone for this reason.

If this applies to your child, then they must now ensure that their **phones are turned off and are placed in the Y6 filing cabinet, which will be kept locked all day**. They will be able to collect them from the filing cabinet at home time, at which point they should be placed in school bags and not taken out / turned on until they have left school premises. Any breach in these rules will result in phones being confiscated. All confiscated phones will be passed to Mrs Harding and will only be returned when they can be handed back to a parent – this will include children who have brought their phones in because they walk home on their own.

If your child does not walk home from school on their own, then they should not have their phone in school.

Please do not hesitate to come and see me if you wish to discuss this matter further.

Best wishes, Kate Davenport Deputy Head



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