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Mobile Phones in School

I would like to take this opportunity to remind you that, as a general rule, pupils are not allowed to have mobile phones on their person or property in school. The overriding reason for this rule is to protect our pupils, by minimising the potential for inappropriate footage being captured and shared via mobile phones.

We fully understand there are occasions and situations where parents may wish their child to carry a mobile phone to and from school for their safety. Should you wish your child to carry their mobile phone to school for a particular reason, you must notify the class teacher via home/school book as well as complete our new mobile phone request form (available from our school website). Your child must hand their phone to their class teacher at the beginning of the day and collect it at the end of the day from the school office. Phones will be locked in a filing cabinet in the Head Teacher's office. I must, however, remind you that any property taken to school remains the responsibility of the parent/pupil and, as such, mobile phones brought into school are not covered by our insurance should they be lost, damaged or stolen.

If it is brought to our attention that a pupil does not hand their mobile phone in to school staff or is found using their phone during the school day, the phone will be removed from the pupil and locked away and will need to be collected by an adult at the end of the school day. This will result in pupils receiving a red card, missing a break/lunch time as well as resulting in the identified pupils not being allowed to carry their phone to school in future.

We have also noticed that some of our pupils are wearing SMART watches to school. I would actively discourage the wearing of these in school. If this is something your child must wear it is imperative that the watch is turned to the setting where the facility for the receiving and sending of messages and calls is disabled while children are in school. Again, should a child be found using their SMART watch to send or receive calls or messages during school time, the watch will be locked away and will need to be collected by an adult at the end of the school day and the child will no longer be permitted to wear this item to school.

I thank you in advance for your co-operation in this matter.

Kind regards,
Brian Carle