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Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been brought to my attention that children have been bringing mobile phones and other electronic devices such as tablets into school and keeping them in their bags. I would like to remind all parents, carers and children that these devices are not to be brought to school unless there is a need linked to the personal safety of the child which has been expressed in writing and agreed. This is in line with the following statement on page 10 of our Safeguarding and Child Protection Policy (available on the school website):

'Pupils are not to have mobile phones in school unless written consent has been requested by their parents. The phone is to be handed to their class teacher at the start of the school day and will be returned when the child is ready to leave. School cannot accept responsibility for damage or loss whilst the phone is in school. Children who are found with phones in school without permission will have the device confiscated and returned to their parent when they are collected at the end of the day.'

I accept that such devices have been received as Christmas presents and it is quite natural for children to want to share their excitement about receiving these gifts with their friends but school is not the right place for this to happen. These items are expensive and loss or damage could happen whilst they are at school, hidden in school bags. There is also the need to consider that these devices can be used inappropriately causing upset and distress for those involved.

If you feel that there is a valid reason for your child to have a mobile phone in school on a particular day, such as child care arrangements, then please put this in writing or complete the slip at the bottom of this letter. The slip or letter is to be returned to school before the phone can be brought to school.

Your understanding and cooperation with this matter is much appreciated.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Claire Green
Headteacher



Use of mobile phone by a pupil in school

Name of pupil:

Year group:

Reason for phone to be in school:

(Please be mindful that this needs to be a valid reason such as child care arrangements where it is unavoidable for the phone to be in school)

I understand that school cannot accept responsibility for damage or loss whilst the phone is in school.

Signed:

Print name:

Relationship to child:

Date: