

Mobile Phone Policy for Children

Dear Parent/Carer,

Whilst we cannot control what happens outside of school, we know you would want us to keep you informed, about concerns that have been raised during our discussions with the class, with regards to internet safety and in particular the use of mobile phones and social media.

Our concern is for the safety of your children. We have spent a great deal of time, as I am sure you have, educating them about the dangers of the internet and responsible use, but unfortunately, it appears that some children are not putting the knowledge into practise and possibly putting themselves and others at risk. It is not only with the use of computers but also in the use of their mobile phone.

We therefore ask you to sit down and discuss these issues with your child. Secondary schools staff, who have recently been into school for transition meetings, have urged new students to delete any social media accounts before they start their secondary education in September. As a result, we wish to clarify that the use of mobile phones on school premises is not permitted.

Mobile Phones

Children may only bring a mobile phone into school on receipt of a letter from the parent & permission from the Head Teacher, Mrs Finnegan. Once permission is given, we agree to lock the phone away, from 9.00am-3.30pm, but take no responsibility for any damages/loss. If your child needs to bring in a mobile phone for safety reasons (i.e. they walk to school alone) please fill out the form below and return to school. In such instances mobile phones should be turned off at the gate and not switched on again until the child leaves the premises.

Children MUST NOT take any pictures of themselves or their friends whilst on school grounds, or in school uniform & post them on social media. If they chose to do so, this could result in an exclusion and the police informed.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs C Finnegan

Headteacher

I request permission from the Head Teacher, Mrs Finnegan, for my child to bring in their mobile phone to school.

Reasons.....
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I understand that the school takes no responsibility for damages or loss of the electronic device.

Signed: _____ Parent of: _____ Date: _____

Permission granted: yes/no from Mrs Finnegan, Head Teacher