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Dear parents and carers,



Safeguarding Mobile Phones and Smart Watches in School

Please may we remind parents/carers that **mobile phones are not permitted in school** for safeguarding purposes, as per our safeguarding policy.

The only exception to this is when a child is permitted to walk on their own, to and from school, and the parent/carer feels that they should have one for contact in an emergency. If permission is given by school, and children do bring their phones in, it must be switched off at all times whilst on the school premises.

On arrival at school, the phone should be handed in to the school office, and the pupil must collect it at the end of the school day. The school accepts no liability for loss or damage while on school premises, and if it has been found that a phone is being used inappropriately on school grounds/outside of school e.g. online bullying, it will be confiscated and permission to continue to bring it into school may be withdrawn.

Similarly, although we encourage children to wear watches in school, please do not allow your child to wear a 'smart' watch, or any watch that has the same functionality as a mobile phone or PC, on the school site.

If a child is wearing a watch with the same functionality of a mobile phone, for example, the ability to take photographs, internet connectivity, send and receive messages or telephone calls, these will be treated in the same way as a mobile phone and must be kept in the school office until the end of the school day.

If you feel that your child needs to have a mobile phone in school for the emergency contact reasons described above, please fill in and return the following permission slip overleaf:

Yours sincerely,

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Safeguarding Mobile Phones and Smart Watches in School Permission Slip

Child's Name _____ Class _____

- ☐ I can confirm that my child walks to/from school on their own and needs a phone for emergency contact.
- ☐ I would like permission for my child to have a mobile phone in school and understand that it must be handed in to the school office in arrival at school and collected at the end of the school day.
- ☐ I understand that although staff will ensure the phones are locked in a cupboard during the school day, the school are not liable for theft, loss or damage.
- ☐ I will ensure that my child understands the rules (as set out above) regarding the appropriate use of phones.

Parent/Carers
Signature _____ Date _____



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