



Holy Trinity Church of England Primary School

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Wednesday 2nd February 2022

Dear Parents and Carers of Years 5 & 6,

I hope this finds you and your loved ones safe and well.

In recent weeks, it has become apparent that a number of our young people have been using their mobile phones whilst at school. There have been instances of mobile phone use both within the classroom and outside in the playground.

There are many reasons why this is inappropriate for young people at primary school:

- The devices are expensive and can easily become lost or damaged.
- The use of mobile phones in school distracts from learning, healthy exercise, socialising and creative play.
- The use of mobile phones in school can potentially lead to cyber-bullying and the inappropriate use of social media sites.
- Photography and video can potentially be taken without that person's consent.

I understand that many young people require their mobile phones to make contact with their parents and carers, particularly if they have travelled to school from a distance. Therefore, we are not banning mobile phones from school completely. However, I firmly believe that mobile phones should not be used or seen during the school day. So, as of Thursday 3rd February the following system will be put in place:

- When your young person arrives in class, they will be asked to turn their phones off and place them inside a secure container.
- Our administrative team will collect this container at 9.15am and lock it safely away for the day.
- At 3.10pm our administrative team will return the container with all phones to your young person's class. The phones will remain off until your young person leaves the school premises, at which point they can call you to let you know they are on their way home.

Please support the school in ensuring your young person remains safe, focused and happy at school, and avoids any potential loss or damage to their expensive device. It is important to note that, if your young person does bring their mobile phone to school, it is their responsibility to protect it from loss or damage. The school takes no responsibility for any potential loss or damage to their mobile phones. Thank you.

Kind regards,

Mr Winn