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### Mobile Phones

Dear Parents / Carers

I write regarding children's use of mobile phones on school grounds and to make our position on this clear.

Only children in years 5 and 6 who walk to and/or from school by themselves are allowed to bring a mobile phone into school. This should be turned off when children arrive through the school gate and not be turned on until children leave the premises. We appreciate the safety reasons a mobile phone provides for these children and the need for a facility to contact parents and family in an emergency if they walk to and from school alone.

However, we are aware that there are children bringing mobile phones who do not walk to and from school without an adult. We ask that these children do not bring a phone to school – if your child is brought to school and met after school by an adult, the need for a mobile phone is negated.

We are also aware of children with mobile phones who are using them both before and after school on the playground – this is something we actively discourage and will no longer be allowed. We feel the use of mobile devices before school is not good preparation for the day's learning and sends the wrong message to other children and adults in the school.

Whilst fully appreciating that mobile technology has its place, we wish children to be active in school time, enjoy playing and being sociable with friends. If we do not see an improvement in the use of mobiles, we will need to review our policy accordingly. We appreciate your co-operation in this matter and hope that you understand the reasons behind our stance on this issue.

Yours faithfully

Mr R Pease  
*Associate Principal*



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