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Dear Parents and Carers,

Mobile Phones and smart watches

It has come to our attention that since the Christmas Holidays, many more children are bringing their mobile phones and smart watches to school. We thought this would be an ideal opportunity to remind you of the school's policy and e-safety rules around the use of these devices on the school grounds.

Mobile phones

At the start of the school day (when entering the school grounds) mobile devices should be **switched off** and **given to the class teacher**. The class teacher will then keep the phones in a safe place for the remainder of the school day and will return the device to the child at **3pm**. When the children receive their phones at 3pm, they should **not** switch on their devices until they have **left the school site**. This includes refraining from using them in the playground. There are many reasons why this is important including:

- Maintaining safeguarding of all children in our care
- Limiting friendship issues
- Ensure that children are not using the internet or other apps inappropriately
- Reinforcing safety rules

Children do not need mobile phones for school purposes, but we understand some children may walk to or from school unattended and therefore, may need to be contactable. If this is the case, please could you reinforce the school rules on mobile phone usage.

Smart watches

Watches are a vital part to learning and provide children with a great opportunity to practise telling the time. Whilst we agree that this is important for children, we have recognised that these watches are becoming more than just a basic clock. With this in mind, we want to remind you that if your child's class teacher finds that your child's watch is providing a distraction to their learning in class, they may have to ask your child to remove their watch for the remainder of the lesson/day. A conversation may also be needed to ensure that the children understand why that decision has been made. Watches will also need to be removed for all PE lessons under health and safety grounds.

Thank you for your support.

If you have any queries, please contact your child's class teacher.

Yours sincerely,
Mrs Barnard
Computing subject leader