



## ST MICHAEL & ALL ANGELS C. E. (FOUNDATION) PRIMARY AND PRE-SCHOOL

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Dear Parents/Carers

### **Mobile Phones and Smart Devices**

I am writing to inform you that from September we are amending our guidelines regarding mobile phones and smart devices. Children should only bring mobile phones to school if they are walking home alone, generally this is limited to pupils in Year 6. This measure is in place to ensure a safe and focused learning environment as we have experienced such an increase in problems with devices on school premises.

Please may we also remind you that the decision for children to walk home alone is personal to each family and child. More importantly, not all children will have the emotional maturity or understanding of safety to be able to do this at primary school and possibly not at secondary school. We have seen a number of near misses on the estate over the last couple of weeks from children who do not have the skills to be responsible for themselves.

Finally, when dropping off and collecting your children, it would be great if you could also refrain from using your mobile phone. Catching up with the world whilst waiting for them to come out is understandable, as are emergencies. However in the main, when you're with your child, embrace your time with them, it is so very precious.

We appreciate your cooperation in this matter. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Yours faithfully

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