



Mobile Phones

If it is **essential** for your **Year 5 or 6** child to bring their mobile phone to school, this letter should be signed by a parent to verify that this is the case and that you take responsibility for it whilst in school. Any child with a valid medical reason for having a phone on their person should also sign this form and return it to school. This is part of our compliance with the Children's Wellbeing and Schools Act, which came into force in July 2026.

Before giving permission below, please ensure that it is for the right reasons. **Nearly all children have no need for a phone** where they are picked up by an adult and a phone should only be allowed if there is a genuine reason for its use after school. We are more than happy to take messages through the office during school time, and we would want to encourage the children to be sociable and safe on their way home, as opposed to having their heads buried in a screen.

Some children put pressure on their parents to buy them a phone, especially at Christmas time, as 'everybody has one.' This is not a universal truth, even in these increasingly tech-heavy times. Whilst we understand the need to feel your child is safe and contactable, we are also conscious of the 'smartphone-free childhood' movement and supportive of its intentions, particularly around social media. Do remember that there are many alternatives to fully-featured smartphones – often called 'brick phones' which also include messaging and tracking features.

All mobile phones (unless used for medical reasons) must be switched off for the school day and ideally named. Children with permission hand their phones in during the day. They are then kept in a code-locked box in each class and returned as children leave at the end of the day.

Please note that we cannot guarantee the security of any device brought into school and cannot accept liability for loss or damage. Any phone that is brought into school without permission and a valid reason may be confiscated and returned directly to the parent at the next available opportunity.

If you wish your child to bring their phone to school and agree to these conditions, please fill in the slip below, to be handed to your child's teacher. If you retain this letter and need your child to bring their phone to school at a later date, you will only need to supply permission at that point.

My child has permission to bring their phone to school.

I understand that the school is not liable if the phone is lost or damaged whilst being stored during the school day.

Date.....

Name of child..... Class of child

Name of parent..... Signature of parent

If a medical exemption applies to your child such that the phone must be kept on their person for use as a medical tracker, please specify here:

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