

The
Hawthorns
Primary School

7th January 2016

Dear Parent/Carer,

Owning a mobile phone for the first time can be very exciting and be seen as a step towards independence.

May we take this opportunity to remind you that it is school policy **for pupils not to bring mobile phones in to school or on school trips/events.**

From time to time, as a parent/guardian, you may think it is absolutely necessary for your child to bring a mobile phone to school and therefore we would ask you to adhere to the following procedures in these circumstances.

Any phone brought to school must have parental permission by completing the attached form; the phone must be named, switched off and handed in to the front office first thing in the morning prior to entering the playground. The phone can be collected at the end of the school day from the office, after exiting the playground.

As part of our Safeguarding and e-safety responsibilities it is important that children do not have free access to the internet. Internet access on school computing equipment/devices is always securely managed and highly filtered.

We welcome parents to attend our annual e-safety talks with IT professionals who offer advice in protecting your children on all electronic devices, including mobile phones. Further support for parenting in the digital age can be found on our e-safety section of the school website.

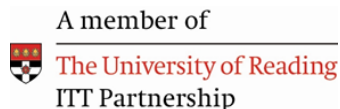
http://www.hawthorns.wokingham.sch.uk/website/esafety_links/29346

I reiterate that the school has a **no mobile phone policy for pupils** and only under exceptional circumstances should the agreement be in place. Please note mobile phones brought in to school without the parental agreement will be removed from the child and will be required to be collected by the parent from the front office.

We hope that you understand that this approach is in the interest of pupil safety.

Regards,

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Mobile Phone Parent Agreement

I give my child (Name) _____ Class _____

permission to bring a mobile phone to school

on (date(s)) _____

for (reason) _____

and have ensured that they understand and follow the schools approach to the management of the phone to ensure pupil safety.

Disclaimer

The Hawthorns Primary School accepts no liability in respect of any loss/damage to a personal phone while at school. The decision to bring a personal phone into school rests with the pupil and their parent(s)/guardian(s), as does the liability for any loss/damage that may result from the personal device being in school. It is a condition of agreeing to allow pupils to bring a personal phone to school, that the parent/guardian countersigning the permission slip accepts this disclaimer.

Signed (Parent/Carer) _____ Date _____