

## Bishop Aldhelm's CE Primary School

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Dear Parent/Carer,

## **RE: Mobile Phone Policy and Smart Phone Use**

Smart phones are now the norm, allowing users to take high resolution pictures, record and watch videos as well as access the internet through the use of apps. There is a potential for smart phones to be misused in schools. They can become an instrument of bullying or harassment directed against pupils or/and teachers.

With this in mind and in accordance with our updated mobile phone policy, as a school we enforce that <u>pupils</u> <u>are not allowed Smart Phones on the school site.</u>

We recognise that in Year 5 and Year 6 mobile phones may have a part to play in securing pupils' personal safety before and after school and on journeys to and from school. For this reason we are still allowing mobile phones to be brought into school but insist that only mobile phones which only have a text and call function will be allowed. This supports the aim of developing a culture of responsible use of a mobile phone and other digital devices by pupils.

Our Mobile Phone Policy is available to access on our school website. If you feel that your child needs to bring their mobile phone to school, can you please make sure you have read the policy, sign and return the consent form, also emailed, to the school office.

The mobile phone must be handed into the school office or the Year 6 teachers for Year 6 pupils at the beginning of the school day. Please note that the school accepts no responsibility for any loss or damage to a mobile phone whilst the device is on the school premises.

If you would like to discuss this matter with me, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Thank you.

Yours sincerely

Scott Tait

Head teacher









