

'Achieving Excellence through Leadership'

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Dear Parent/Carer,

Year 6 phones in school

We have a number of children who walk home independently and understand the safety aspects of having a phone to use in an emergency.

I have been disappointed to see a number of children misusing their phones in school and need to make parents aware of these points so you can have a discussion with your child:

- Their phone should be turned off when they arrive on school grounds and not turned on again until they are outside school
- Two children filmed a Tik-Tok on school grounds with a clear view of the school building in the background (this has now been deleted)
- Several children are using social chat groups and have been calling each other at inappropriate times (3:00 am in the morning)

We strongly urge you to discuss with your child these problems and discuss ways to avoid these from happening, such as:

- Using parental controls to make sure their phone is on "down-time" between the hours of 8:40 and 15:00 so it can't be used
- Making sure their phone is not accessible after they are expected to go to sleep
- Monitoring their phone, especially apps which are age-restricted, to make sure content they are posting is appropriate

We appreciate your support in helping the school manage any devices are used appropriate both in and out of school.

Yours Sincerely,

Miss Louise Whitby
Headteacher

