



**May Park Primary School**  
"Nurturing Curiosity; Cultivating Creativity"

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Dear Parents/Carers

**Mobile Phone Usage – Years 5 and 6**

We have noticed a significant increase in the number of our children in upper Key Stage 2 bringing mobile phones into school. We understand that these devices provide the children with a way of communicating with their family before and after school when necessary, especially for those who walk home without an adult.

On arrival at school mobile phones **MUST** be handed in to the class teacher to be stored securely. Under no circumstances should these devices be taken out and used on our school site or when entering/leaving the school site.

We know that mobile phones can be a valuable and important resource for our children; we frequently discuss safe use of these devices, both in general and as part of our online safety lessons. This agreement is an extension of this key aspect of online safety, as we want the children to develop sensible habits surrounding their usage and to be aware that there are times where using a device is not appropriate.

We also know that using mobile phones/other devices can cause a lot of upset – especially when the children who have them don't have the maturity to make good decisions and use them sensibly. Often disagreements at school become exacerbated by texting out of school and the school is required to intervene to sort out the repercussions of this. Therefore, I would urge you to take this into consideration before sending your child into school with a device.

Should there be a breach of this agreement, we will review whether your child is able to continue to bring a device into school.

Yours faithfully

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Designated Safeguarding Lead

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