



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

Tracey Kildea

Designated Safeguarding Lead

Acceptable Use Agreement

I know that having a mobile phone is a privilege and a responsibility.

I am allowed to bring my device to school in order to help me communicate with my family after school when I need to.

I agree to follow these rules when I bring my device into school:

- I will turn my phone off when I arrive at the school gate and ensure it remains off for the school day.
- During the school day I will make sure my phone is stored in a box or other safe place provided by my teacher.
- I will not use my device whilst at school for any reason, unless asked to by an adult.
- I will wait until I am outside of the school gates to turn on my device and use it at the end of the day.
- I will not share my phone number with any other children without the permission of my parents.
- I will never give away the pin, password or any other access information that would allow others to use my device.
- I will not use my device to make videos or take photos of myself or other children whilst in, or near to the school.

I agree to follow these rules when bringing my device into school

If I do not adhere to these rules.

My phone will be confiscated (in keeping with the Searching, Screening and Confiscation Guidance for Schools July 2022) and handed to the Senior Leadership Team. My parents will be contacted and requested to collect my phone.

If there are concerns regarding the content (messages, emails, pictures, videos, sound files) the content will be shown to the Senior Leadership Team as requested.

My parents will be invited to a meeting where I could be excluded from school. In some instances, it may have to be reported to the Police.

*May Park Primary has a Duty of Care to Safeguard everyone (children and adults) on the school site.