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Dear Parents/Carers of Year 5 & 6 Children,

A number of parents have asked about our policy on letting children have mobile phones in school. Actually we do not have a specific policy on this but obviously we don't want children using their phones during the school day.

Year 5 and 6 children are allowed to walk home on their own and for this reason you may feel safer knowing they have a phone with them. Therefore, for Year 5 and 6 children we will start collecting phones in the morning in class and locking them up until the end of the day when they will be returned. This will ensure that phones are not damaged or broken. We will not be checking bags so if the children choose not to hand in their phones we cannot take responsibility for them.

Please note that if your child brings a phone to school this is parental choice and we are not trying to influence your decision either way.

We do not feel that children younger than Year 5 need a phone because they are not allowed to walk home on their own.

We hope this helps for those parents who have specifically asked about this.

Best wishes,

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