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Mobile Phones in School

Dear Parents and Carers,

I am writing to inform you of an important update to our school policy regarding mobile phones. Following a recent review and concerns raised about safeguarding and the overall wellbeing of our school community, we have made the decision to ban pupils from bringing mobile phones on to the school site.

This decision has not been taken lightly and comes after careful consideration of how mobile phone use can impact learning, safety, and the emotional and social development of children.

As a primary school, our priority is to provide a safe, focused, and supportive learning environment for all pupils. Unfortunately, we have become increasingly aware of situations where mobile phone use has led to:

- Distractions during lessons and learning time
- Inappropriate or unsafe content being accessed or shared
- Incidents of unkind behaviour or communication through messaging apps
- Concerns around privacy, including taking photos or videos without consent

Effective from Monday 6th October, pupils **will not** be permitted to bring mobile phones to school.

We understand that some parents may have allowed their child to bring a mobile phone for safety reasons when travelling to and from school. In such cases, we ask that you please contact the school office to discuss individual circumstances, this will then be passed to a member of the Senior Leadership team for review. In exceptional cases where a phone is deemed necessary, it must be handed in to a member of staff on arrival and returned at the end of the school day, whether that be in breakfast club or the classroom.

We appreciate your support in helping us maintain a safe and respectful environment for all members of our school community. If you have any questions or concerns regarding this policy, please do not hesitate to contact the school.

These changes mean that all previous mobile phone consents you may have given will be void.

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

Yours sincerely,
Mrs L Jones

Principal
Underwood West Academy



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