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Dear Parents and Carers

Smartphones in school from 2 November 2026

From Monday 2 November 2026, after the October half-term holiday, children must not bring smartphones into school. This applies even if the phone is switched off or would be handed in on arrival.

Smartwatches and other personal devices that can make calls, send messages, access the internet or record sound, photographs or video must also stay at home. Ordinary watches and simple fitness trackers without these functions are welcome.

We want to support children to develop healthy habits around technology and reduce the pressures that can come with smartphones, messaging and social media. This change will help us maintain a safe, calm school environment and support children's wellbeing.

We recognise that some children who travel independently need a way to contact their family. A basic "brick" phone, used for calls and texts without internet access or social media apps, may still be brought in for this purpose. It must be clearly named, switched off before entering school and handed to the class teacher on arrival. It will be returned at the end of the day.

Basic phones are available at low cost from retailers such as Argos. There is no expectation to buy a phone if your child does not need one for their journey to and from school.

These arrangements also apply when children attend breakfast club or Willow Club. Any permitted phone must be handed to a member of staff on arrival and collected when the child leaves.

If your child needs a smartphone or connected device for medical monitoring, or requires an adjustment because of a disability or other individual need, please contact me before the change takes effect so that we can agree suitable arrangements.

If a child brings a smartphone into school, we will keep it safely and contact their parent or carer to arrange collection. If you need to get a message to your child during the school day, please contact the school office.

Please talk through this change with your child and use the half-term break to make any arrangements needed. Children who do not need a phone for their journey do not need to bring one to school.

Thank you for your support in helping us keep children safe and happy.

Yours sincerely

Cathy Bell
Headteacher