

Gorsemoor Primary School

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Dear Parent,

Mobile Phones in School

It is acknowledged that providing a child with a mobile phone gives parents reassurance that they may contact them if they need to speak to their child urgently before or after school. However, there are many issues relating to the possession of mobile phones in school and the number of mobile phones now being brought into school on a daily basis. These include:

- Worry at responsibility for an expensive item
- Potential for theft
- Potential bullying situations
- Uncontrolled photographs and video footage.
- Unfiltered access to the internet.

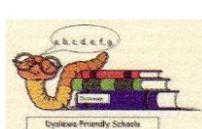
We would encourage children to leave their mobile phones at home wherever possible. However, we accept that parents / carers give their children mobile phones to protect them from everyday risks involving personal security and safety, especially where children are walking home alone. In the case of mobile phones being brought into school, the following procedure will be followed:

- On arrival, children must place their mobile phones into the allocated phone wallet in their classroom. Phones must be turned off.
- Mobile phones are collected by a member of staff and held in a safe place in the office until the end of the school day. Children are not permitted to check their phones during the school day.
- At 3:30, mobile phones are delivered back to classrooms for collection by the children.
- Mobile phones must remain switched off until the children have left the school premises.

No mobile phones are to be used by the children whilst on school premises.

In the case of urgent contact being required between parent and child, please telephone the school office and a message will be passed to the child via the class teacher.

Still photographs or video must only be taken via a school device. All images and the processing of images must follow the school requirements detailed in the photography and video consent



section of the school's Online Safety Policy. This policy, alongside the Mobile Technologies Policy, is available to read on the school website.

The school takes no responsibility for loss or damage to any pupil's mobile phone or electronic device whilst on the school premises or whilst representing the school.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs B S Heath

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