



## Homefield Church of England Primary School

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Dear Parents/Carers,

It has been brought to my attention that parents are unsure of the school rules regarding mobile phones. If you are, may I apologise for the lack of clarity and take this opportunity to explain.

We do not think it appropriate for Primary age children to bring mobile phones into school. They simply have no need for one on school premises and in the event of any emergency, the School Office would contact parents for them.

The exception to this regards Year 6 children only, who may, with parental permission, walk home alone. For these children, parents may wish their child to have a mobile phone so that they can contact them on their way home. This is completely understandable and we have always supported this.

However, if a Year 6 child has a mobile phone with them we expect that this phone is handed into the School Office upon their arrival. It can then be collected at the end of the day, before they walk home unaccompanied. This has proved to be a successful system, which we expect all children to adhere to.

Children should not at any time be using mobile phones on school grounds, because we have no way of knowing what these phones are being used for, especially with the range of technology on them today and we regard this as a serious risk to the safety of our children.

If a child is found in possession of a mobile phone whilst at school, it will be confiscated and parents will be asked to collect the phone in person at the end of the day.

I hope this letter clarifies our rules regarding mobile phones in school.

Yours sincerely,

**Mr. B. Young**

**Acting Head Teacher.**