



Monday 28<sup>th</sup> March 2022

Dear parent/carer

We have seen an increase in children wearing smart watches to school. Some of these watches have the capability to make phone calls, send and receive messages and take photos and videos. In many ways, they can be used like a mobile phone.

If your child is in year 5 or 6 and they are walking to and from school on their own, we appreciate that you might like your child to have a way to contact you. If you have chosen a smart watch with the above features for this purpose, then our mobile phone policy applies. The children need to hand the watch in to their teacher when arriving in the classroom and it will be given back at the end of the day. This is to safeguard all children while they are in our care and does not apply to smart watches that do not have these features.

If your child has a mobile phone or smart watch, please remind them that they are not permitted to take photos or videos in the playground before or after school. Staff monitor the playgrounds in the morning and may confiscate devices that are being used inappropriately.

I'd also like to take this opportunity to remind parents that children in EYFS up to Year 4 need to be collected by an adult from their classroom at the end of the day. Children in years 3 & 4 are allowed to walk to a sibling's classroom but you must make sure their teacher is aware that you have given your permission. **Children below year 5 are not permitted to leave the school premises without an adult.**

Thank you for your support in keeping all children safe,

Miss L Shepherd  
Deputy Headteacher