



Dear Parent/Guardian

Mobile Phones, Portable Media Devices and Cameras

Mobile phones have become an invaluable part of our modern lifestyle. The school understands there are times when possession of a mobile phone can provide a sense of safety and security for students while travelling to and from school, as well as enabling urgent calls or contact for parents. Given the primary school setting we consider their use in this context.

There are current concerns about the use of SMS to bully others and all students should be able to come to school feeling safe and secure. In brief the school's policy is that students may bring mobile phones to school but the phone, portable media device or camera is to be placed in a special basket in the office as soon as the child arrives at school and must be collected when the child leaves at the end of the day. Any phone call a child needs to make during the school day must be done through the administration staff.

We are aware that for security reasons you may want your child to have a phone for before and after school. If this is the case, please fill in the slip below and return it to school. Your child will need to bring the phone or device **in a named zip lock bag** to the front office before school in the morning and collect it from the front office in the bag after school. While the phone is in the office, it must be turned off.

Parents need to be aware responsibility cannot be accepted by the school should a child's mobile phone or portable media device be misplaced. Therefore mobile phones, portable media devices and cameras should not be kept in school bags, classrooms or in the possession of students.

Thank you for your consideration of this matter. I look forward to your support.

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Mobile Phone/Portable Media Device permission slip

I give permission for _____ Room _____
to bring a mobile phone/portable media device **(in a named zip locked bag)** to school on the understanding that it will be left (turned off) for the duration of the school day at the school office. My child is aware the mobile phone/portable media device/ camera **may not** be kept anywhere else in the school other than the school office.

Parent/Guardian name _____

Signed Parent/Guardian _____ Date ____/____/____