



Growing Together

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Smart Devices in School

Dear Parents and Carers,

I am writing to address an important matter concerning pupil safety and our school's expectations regarding electronic devices, particularly smartwatches and smartphones.

As you are aware, we do not permit smartphones in school during the day. We recognise that many families rely on communication devices, particularly for children who walk to and from school independently. Therefore, we recommend basic mobile phones ('brick phones') with call and text capabilities as an alternative for essential communication.

It has come to our attention that some children now have smartwatches which are being used in place of a smartphone in school, using functions on these which are beyond telling the time or a pedometer.

In order to ensure we can protect our pupils' learning environment and personal well-being, **starting Monday 2nd February, smartphones and smartwatches will NOT be permitted in school.**

If you do choose for your child to have a device and deem this necessary for their journey to and from school, you must complete the slip below and return it to the school office. Upon arrival at school, your child will be required to hand their devices (including smartwatches) directly to their class teacher, who will store them securely until the end of the school day. This approach ensures that electronic devices do not disrupt learning, compromise pupil safety, or create unnecessary distractions.

Parents should be aware that the school cannot accept responsibility for lost or damaged devices. Any devices not complying with this policy will be confiscated and must be collected from the school office.

This policy is deeply rooted in our school vision of 'Growing Together', reflecting our commitment to supporting our pupils' safety, learning, and personal development. We thank-you in advance for your co-operation in this matter of keeping every child safe and happy.

Yours sincerely,

Rachel Timms
Headteacher

Smart Device Consent Slip

I, parent/carer of _____ in _____ class, allow my child to bring a **smartwatch/ smartphone** to school (delete as appropriate) and understand this will be stored securely until the end of the school day. By signing this form, I accept the school has no responsibility for any loss or damage to my child's device.

Signed _____

Date _____

