

# SACRED HEART CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL



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Dear Parents and Carers of pupils in Year Five and Year Six.

## Re: Mobile Phones

It has been accepted policy at Sacred Heart, for children in exceptional circumstances, to bring a mobile phone to school. These phones have been signed in at the office before the start of the day and have been collected at the end of the day. This system has worked very well, until recently.

The problem that we are experiencing is the large numbers of children who are now bringing phones into school. The school office is unable to cope with the time taken in signing them in and out at the busiest times in the school day. There is also no space in the office for these phones to be stored. It also delays pupils getting through to class in the morning.

Other Primary Schools in our locality have varying policies and arrangements in place. Indeed some schools have a 'no phones' policy. I would like to ensure that we are able to manage this problem sensibly at Sacred Heart.

Firstly, if your child does not need to have their phone, please discourage them from bringing it to school. In this way we will reduce the problem straight away. Parents who have given permission for their children to walk home alone may prefer their children to have a phone, however, those who are collected do not need to bring a phone.

Please ensure that your child has your permission to bring this expensive item to school and ensure that they understand that it is their responsibility to make sure that it is switched off at all times on school premises.

To make this manageable we will no longer be accepting phones at the school office. Instead all pupils will place their phones in a box in the classroom, signing them in and out before and after school. Pupils need to ensure that they are in their classrooms before registration starts at 8.55am so that they can put their phones away. Phones can be collected after school finishes at 3.20pm. Phones must not be switched on until pupils have left the school premises. Pupils who consistently arrive later, after registration, will not be allowed to bring their phones into school.

I hope that parents and pupils are happy to comply with these arrangements, which will make the start and end of the day run smoothly for everyone.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely

Mrs C Mason (Head teacher)

