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Dear Parents and Carers,

Since Christmas we have noticed an increase in the numbers of pupils bringing mobile phones and smartwatches into school. These items are not permitted in school for a number of reasons:

- Safeguarding – the ability of children to take photographs of each other in school is against our safeguarding policies around the use of mobile phones, cameras and control of images. There are children in our school who do not have consent for photos to be taken and/or shared.
- Loss – mobile phones and smartwatches are high value items and can be easily lost or broken in school. As a school we take no responsibility for any item lost or damaged in school, when we have asked that they are kept at home.
- Impact on learning – some of our children are becoming distracted by their smartwatches in lesson time.

If there is a specific reason that your child needs to come to school with a mobile phone or smartwatch, please speak to me individually. In this case, the phone and/or watch will need to be handed in at the office in the morning, and collected at the end of the day.

Many thanks for your understanding.

Kind Regards

Mrs Alexia Wyer
Executive Headteacher