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Dear Parents and Carers of Year 6 pupils,

E safety and acceptable mobile phone use

The school accepts that parents and carers give their children mobile phones to protect them from everyday risks involving personal security and safety. We acknowledge that providing a child (Years 5 and 6) with a mobile phone gives parents and carers reassurance that they can contact their child if they need to speak to them urgently.

The widespread ownership of mobile phones among children requires that school leaders, teachers, parents and carers take steps to ensure that mobile phones are used responsibly. At school, as part of E-Safety, we teach children how to use electronic devices safely. However, it is the responsibility of parents/carers to provide their children with the necessary guidance when using devices at home such as mobile phones. Parents/Carers should be aware that whilst there are obvious benefits to pupils having mobile phones in terms of personal safety, there are also associated risks such as the potential for theft, bullying and inappropriate contact, including grooming by unsuitable persons.

Parents/Carers should monitor the use of mobile phones, in order to be aware of any inappropriate and unsafe use.

It has come to my attention that a number of children are using mobile phones at home without adult supervision. Some children have been involved in sending inappropriate messages to individuals and groups via social media. This is causing children and their parents/carers unnecessary stress and anxiety. We are seeing the impact of these unsupervised phone contact in some of the children's behaviour at school.

Please ensure that you are aware of how your child uses a mobile phone at home. There are clear age restrictions to social media sites. These are there to protect your child and keep them safe online.

See Kidsmart at www.kidsmart.org.uk for more information on staying safe and the guidance in our Anti-bullying and E-Safety policies.

Yours sincerely,

Mr W Pedro
Head Teacher

