



Friday 9<sup>th</sup> December 2022

Dear Parents and Carers of Year 6 children.

I hope that you are all well and looking forward to the Holidays and the festivities. We would like to take this opportunity to remind of the protocols of mobile device use at school, provide some helpful resources to ensure that such devices are used appropriately and to support your children to keep safe.

The protocol for mobile devices at school:

1. Phones are turned off before the child enters the school grounds.
2. Phones are handed into the class teacher when the child enters the class.
3. Phones will be returned to the children at the end of the school day, once the children have left the school building.
4. Children must not turn mobile phones on until they have left the school grounds.

Children are not allowed to take pictures or videos while on school grounds – at any time.

It has also come to our attention that children Are accessing and viewing inappropriate materials through apps such as tiktok. Additionally, children have been using devices to message other children inappropriately, under the guise of `It is just a joke.` It is important children understand that devices will be checked regularly as part of helping them to keep safe and ask parents and carers to regularly check devices for such messages and inappropriate materials. If you do have any concerns please let one of the school`s safeguarding team know.

Here are some useful links to information about online safety:

<https://www.childnet.com/resources/parent-and-carer-toolkit/>

<https://parents.thorn.org/situation/>

<https://parentsafe.lgfl.net/#h.7pzzapffhj9q>

<https://eephonesmart.co.uk/online-safety-tips>

Furthermore, over the past few days we have been dealing with a number of issues around sexualised language, inappropriate gestures / references and inference. Not only is this unacceptable behaviour, understandably, this type of language has distressed some of our pupils. Whilst we have been speaking to the pupils, individually, in classes and as a wider group, Julie will be taking a special Year 6 assembly on Wednesday, around appropriate behaviours, the need for appropriate language, as well as addressing the affect inappropriate actions / words have on the recipient. We are also addressing our curriculum to ensure that it supports the needs of our Year 6 cohort and their changing needs as seen in society today. We have started PSHE sessions with all classes to discuss some of these issues and the questions raised by the children as we feel it is important to discuss and provide clarification to possible misconceptions in a safe environment, such as school and home. We urge you to open up conversations at home to support children to feel comfortable navigating the more adult world they will be (and are) exposed to as they move towards an into secondary.

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We will also be working closely with our Local Community Police team to help support the children`s understanding of these issues and plan to hold parent workshops on ways you can support your children to stay safe.

I thank you in advance for your support and vigilance in ensuring that all pupils are and feel safe in school.

Kind regards,

Dennis Irwin

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