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Dear Parents/Carers.

Mobile Phone Policy – Updated Guidance for Parents and Pupils. – With effect from 23rd April 2018

As the technological world that we live in continues to develop at an ever increasing pace, the Governing Body of Chapelford Village Primary School have reviewed their policy on the pupils use of mobile phones in school and on the school premises. The parent forum has been consulted on the changes to be made to the policy and the Governing Body would like to thank them for their consideration of the changes made.

As a school we do not encourage pupils to bring mobile phones to school but we do acknowledge that mobile devices are considered a necessary and a vital part of pupils lives. We also acknowledge that for parents who wish pupils to walk home from school alone mobile phones can act as a safety measure and offer reassurance. As such we have reviewed our policy to ensure clarity around the use and possession of mobile phones during the school day.

The revised policy states that pupils in Year 6 will be permitted to bring mobile phones to school **once a parental acceptable (use) phone statement has been returned to school** (attached for Year 6 parents). If parents in other year groups wish for their child to bring a mobile phone to school, then they must firstly put into writing to school a letter that clearly states that their child is allowed to walk home from school unsupervised at the end of the school day – this letter must state the days that parents wish for children to walk home alone and that the class teacher is aware of arrangements. On receipt of this letter the school will issue a parental acceptable (use) phone statement to be completed. **Once this has been received** in school pupils will be permitted to then bring mobile devices into school.

Without receipt of a parental acceptable (use) phone statement mobile phones will not be permitted into school and confiscation will be undertaken as per the policy and phones returned the parents at the end of the school day. Please refer to the revised mobile phone policy which is available on the school website for details. See above for the website details. Please note as a school we will not be permitting the use / wearing of I watches and other watches with internet, photograph or recording facilities.

On behalf of the Governing Body thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely

Joanne Hewson

Head Teacher