Hillary Primary School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

We would like to inform you of an update to our school's mobile phone expectations, in line with recent Department for Education guidance regarding mobile phone use in schools.

At **Hillary Primary School**, we are committed to providing a safe, focused and positive environment for all children. As part of this commitment, we are strengthening our expectations around mobile phones for pupils and the wider school community. These expectations are not only intended to support learning and wellbeing, but also to help us fulfil our safeguarding responsibilities and ensure that all children remain safe whilst on school premises.

Mobile Phones and Pupils
From now on, **mobile phones should not be seen or used anywhere on the school premises at any time**, whether before school, during the school day or at the end of the day.

We recognise that some older children may need a mobile phone for safety reasons when travelling independently to and from school. Therefore, **only Year 5 and Year 6 pupils who walk to and/or from school independently will be permitted to bring a mobile phone to school.**

If your child brings a mobile phone to school:

- The phone must be switched off before entering the school gate.
- It must be handed directly to their class teacher upon arrival.
- The phone will be stored securely throughout the school day.
- It will be returned to the child at the end of the school day.
- The phone must not be seen or used anywhere on the school premises.

For children attending **Wraparound Care** or an **after-school curriculum club**, phones must be handed in at the start of the session and will be returned when the child leaves.

If you are delayed when collecting your child, please **do not call their mobile phone**. Instead, contact the **school office**, who will ensure that any messages are passed on appropriately.

How Parents Can Support Us
We would greatly appreciate your support with this initiative. We kindly ask parents and carers to avoid using or having mobile phones visible whilst on the school premises wherever possible.

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As a school, we have a duty to keep children safe and are bound by safeguarding legislation and guidance. Minimising mobile phone use on the school site helps us maintain a safe environment for all children and supports our safeguarding responsibilities.

We want every child to receive a **warm, attentive welcome and farewell** each day. The journey home from school provides a valuable opportunity for children to share the exciting things they have learned, experienced and achieved throughout the day. These conversations play an important role in developing children's confidence, communication and oracy skills, helping to prepare them for their future lives.

Thank you for your continued support and partnership in helping us create a positive, focused and safe environment for all of our children.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Alison Taylor