

# FOXHILL PRIMARY SCHOOL



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Dear Parents/Guardians,

I hope this letter finds you well. We wanted to take a moment to address an important matter regarding the use of mobile phones by our primary school pupils. While we understand that technology has become an integral part of our lives, we believe it is in the best interest of our pupils that mobile phones must not be brought to school.

There are several compelling reasons for this decision:

**Distraction from Learning:** Mobile phones can be a significant distraction to children in school. The presence of phones even when in lockers can lead to students being more focused on their phone, rather than on their lessons and classroom activities.

**Safety Concerns:** Primary school pupils may not yet have the maturity and responsibility to use mobile phones safely. Inappropriate content, cyberbullying, and online predators are real concerns that can affect our young students.

**Responsibility and Accountability:** We believe that primary school is the time for children to develop a sense of responsibility and accountability for their belongings. Carrying valuable devices like mobile phones can sometimes lead to misplaced or lost items. School cannot take responsibility for looking after phones during the school day.

To create a conducive learning environment and ensure the safety and well-being of our pupils, we kindly request that you do not allow your child to bring a mobile phone to school. In cases of emergency, our school office will always be available to assist students in contacting parents or guardians. If a child does inadvertently bring a their phone to school, the phone will be taken to the school office where it can be collected at the end of the school day by an adult.

The governing body believe that this advice will help our students remain focused, engaged, and safe during their time at school. We appreciate your understanding and cooperation in this matter.

Thank you for your continued support in ensuring the best possible learning environment for our pupils.

Yours Sincerely

Mrs Thomason

Headteacher