



PEEL COMMON *Community Junior School*

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Dear Parents and carers,

Mobile phones.

We are aware that by the time children reach Year 5 and 6 they are used to having access to their own mobile phone and may wish to bring it in to school.

Firstly, **we would ask that you discourage your child from bringing a mobile phone to school** on the grounds that they are valuable and may be lost or stolen. If your child is being collected from school, there is no reason for them to require a mobile phone in school. The school does not allow children to use mobile phones in school because:

- Their use in school may distract pupils away from their work
- Mobile phones may be misused (or example, by cyber bullying, viewing the internet inappropriately and sending or receiving inappropriate images)
- Staff time could be taken up investigating lost or stolen mobile phones

However, we do recognise that in Year 5 or 6 mobile phones may have a part to play in securing pupils' personal safety on **independent** journeys to and from school.

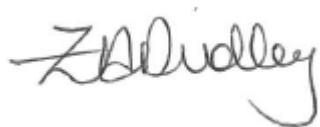
If you feel that it is necessary for your child to bring their mobile phone to school, these are our expectations for what children need to do with their phones when they bring them onto the school site.

- Mobile phones should not be used when on the school site (enter through the gates), they should be switched off when entering the site and can switch them back on when they leave the site (exit the gates), not the classroom.
- Once in school, your child's class teacher will ask the children to put their switched off phones into a box and they will keep them securely until the end of the day. Mobile phones are not to be left in bags or coat pockets.
- If a child is found to not have surrendered their mobile phone, the mobile phone will be removed and put in the school office safe. A phone call will be made to parents asking them to come into school and collect the mobile phone at their convenience.



Please note that the school accepts no responsibility for any loss or damage to a mobile phone whilst the device is on the school premises. Safeguarding children is our prime concern and encouraging them to make safe choices with mobile phones is very important to us as a school.

Kind regards

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Z Dudley', written in a cursive style.

Mrs Z Dudley
Headteacher