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Mobile phones for Year 5 pupils

Dear Parents,
Many of you will be thinking about getting your child a mobile phone, as they may be walking home from school by themselves for the first time.

I always encourage parents to consider how much safer the phone makes your child in a difficult situation and to consider what other strategies you can teach them to deal with being lost, or arriving home to find no one there.

I would also strongly advise parents to consider the harmful effects that smart mobile devices can have on the mental health of children.

That said, we are willing to allow Year 5 pupils to bring their phones, if they have one, to school. I have sent you all a copy of the school's Mobile Technology and Social Media Policy, which is also available on our school website.

Your children have been given a paper copy of the Mobile phone agreement form today**. If you wish for your child to bring their phone to school <u>in September</u>, you will need to complete and return this form to school.**

The Department for Education has made fundamentally clear that children must not have their mobile phones on their person in school. Failure to comply with the rules regarding mobile phones in school may result in this privilege being removed, so I would like parents and children to be very clear about our expectations and the consequences of not adhering to the rules that are clearly set out.

I will be speaking with the children about this today.
I hope you'll find all the answers to any questions you may have in the policy, but should you have anything else you need to ask, feel free to contact me.

Hopefully, we can work together to keep our children safe from the dangers of the internet and mobile technology.

Yours sincerely,
Mr. Hawkins
Head Teacher