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Reviewed policy on mobile phones in school

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are reviewing our approach to mobile phones in school to help support children's wellbeing, friendships and learning.

Research increasingly shows that smartphones and social media can have a negative impact on children's mental health, sleep, concentration and relationships. We have also seen a growing number of issues linked to smartphones and social media affecting our pupils.

As part of this review, we have looked at approaches being adopted by local secondary schools. Nicholas Chamberlaine School recently informed families of pupils joining them in September that children may bring a mobile phone to school, but it must be a basic non-smartphone rather than a smartphone.

Following this review, we will be introducing a similar approach at All Saints.

What is changing?

From **3 November 2026**, children in Year 5 and Year 6 who walk to or from school independently will only be allowed to bring a **basic mobile phone (non-smartphone)** onto the school site.

Basic phones can make calls and send text messages but do not have internet access, social media apps or cameras. These are often called "brick phones" and can be purchased for around £10–£25. Examples include:

- Nokia 105
- Alcatel 1066 / 10.16

We would encourage families to switch to a basic phone from **September 2026** if possible, but we recognise that families need time to make arrangements.

Who can bring a phone to school?

Mobile phones should only be brought into school by:

- Year 5 and Year 6 pupils who walk to or from school independently.
- Pupils with exceptional circumstances agreed in advance by the school.

We would strongly encourage all parents to consider whether their child needs a mobile phone at all. In our view, the main reason a primary-aged child would need a phone is to contact a parent or carer when travelling to or from school independently.

If your child brings a phone to school (Y5 and Y6 only – pupils who walk to / from school independently)

All permitted phones must:

- Be handed directly to the school office on arrival.
- Be stored securely in the office during the school day.
- Be collected by the child at the end of the day.

Phones must **not** be kept in pockets, bags or on a child's person during the school day.

Parents will need to provide written consent for the school to store their child's phone – a consent form can be obtained from the school office either now or in September

Any phone that is not handed into the office will be treated as a breach of the school's mobile phone policy.

Why are we making this change?

Our aim is to:

- Support children's wellbeing and mental health.
- Reduce risks associated with smartphones and social media.
- Encourage positive friendships and healthy communication.
- Minimise distractions and maximise learning.
- Help children develop healthy habits around technology.
- Get pupils used to expectations when they move to secondary school

If you have any questions, please get in touch. I would be happy to discuss this further in person, by telephone or through ClassDojo.

Yours sincerely,

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Headteacher