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## Smart Watches and Mobile Phones

Dear Parents/Carers,

I am writing to bring to your attention an important matter regarding the use of smart watches by pupils within our school community.

Recently, we have noticed an increasing number of students wearing smart watches to school. As outlined in our <u>Mobile Phone Policy</u>, we would like to remind you that smart watches are not permitted to be worn in school. This policy is in place to ensure a focused and uninterrupted learning environment, free from distractions that connectivity devices may cause.

In the event that a pupil arrives at school wearing a smart watch, the device will be collected and securely stored in the school office until the end of the school day. Upon this occurrence, parents will be notified via ParentMail, and we kindly ask that you ensure your child does not bring such devices to school in the future.

Please be aware that our policy encompasses any watch that possesses connectivity features or the capability to record images and videos. We recommend that you consider this when purchasing watches for younger children, as such devices may also be subject to removal if worn to school.

We would like to take this opportunity to remind all parents/carers that only pupils in Year 5 and Year 6 are permitted to bring mobile phones to school. These devices must be handed to the class teacher immediately upon arrival in school.

In order for your child to bring their mobile phone to school, we kindly request that you complete the Google Form linked <u>here</u> to notify us of this arrangement. This form must be submitted prior to your child bringing their device to school.

We appreciate your understanding and cooperation in maintaining a conducive learning environment for all our pupils. Should you have any questions or concerns regarding this policy, please do not hesitate to contact the school office.

Thank you for your continued support.

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Mrs R Carlyle Headteacher