

Tuesday 26th November 2024

Dear parents/carers,

RE: New rule- No mobile phones in the playground

We have noticed an increasing number of adults are using their mobile phones when dropping or collecting their children to and from school. While we understand lives are busy, we believe it is important for children to feel acknowledged and important, particularly during transitions between school and home.

Never underestimate the power of hugging and saying hello or goodbye to your child. Showing interest in your child's day by asking them how it was or what they did increases their self esteem, confidence and general wellbeing. Giving them the opportunity to talk about their learning helps them to process and retain information and gives them a sense of pride and achievement.

With this in mind, we will be introducing a new rule which many other schools already have in place- **no mobile phones beyond the school gates (on the playground)**. This also will allow teachers to have any conversations with parents and ensure a safer handover from school to home. This change will come into effect from next **Monday 2nd December** and reminders will be provided by the staff members on the gate. This will include using a mobile phone in the playground for phone calls, texts, face time or taking photos. The exception to this rule would be in cases of emergencies or where staff would need you to use a mobile phone for clarification about collection arrangements.

If you need to discuss this matter, please speak to a member of staff on the gate. As always thank you for your continued support.

Yours Sincerely,

Ms C Hasker
Headteacher

