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## Mobile Phones

Dear Parents,

I am writing to share my serious concerns regarding your child's safety.

Recently there have been a number of incidents of children using phones or tablets at home to access inappropriate, and in some cases dangerous, material which has then been discussed in school. This has resulted in explicit and vulgar vocabulary which is not wanted in school and I am sure you do not want your child exposed to.

Today I became aware that this issue has become even more serious with children using mobile phones to share imagery, videos and websites that are equally inappropriate and at times leave the children open to dangerous situations. Children have been doing this when walking into school alone, arriving extremely early, and have no parental supervision. Only children who walk home alone in Y6 should have a mobile phone with them.

School doors open at 8:45am so parents and children have no need to be here before 8:35am. The school register is taken at 9:00am and it is only at this time your child is accounted for. Your supervision is therefore necessary until staff can see them into the classroom.

I am aware of the pressure children put parents under to purchase tablets and phones to play on. However, I also know the dangers that children can face when using the internet. Our school website has a link in 'Parent Information' that you can use to arm yourself with the information necessary to keep your child safe, using appropriate sites, whilst using the web at home or on their mobile.

Your understanding and support in this matter is vital in ensuring a happy and safe school.

Yours sincerely,  
Mrs C. Fox

