



The Catholic School of Saint Gregory The Great



Dear Parents and Carers,

As we prepare for the new academic year, I would like to remind and update you of our expectations regarding mobile phones on the school site and update you on the arrangements for Year 6 pupils who bring a phone to school if they walk home independently.

At St Gregory's, we are committed to creating a calm, purposeful learning environment where children can focus on learning, relationships and play. Whilst we recognise that some Year 6 pupils who walk to and from school independently may need a mobile phone for safety, only a basic mobile phone (often referred to as a 'brick' phone) may be brought to school. Smartphones, smartwatches and other devices with smart capabilities are not permitted.

For those Year 6 pupils who walk independently, the following arrangements apply:

- * **Only a basic mobile phone ('brick' phone) may be brought to school.**
- * The phone must be switched off before entering the school site.
- * The phone should remain in the pupil's bag until they arrive in their classroom.
- * On entering the classroom, the class teacher will collect the phone and store it securely throughout the school day.
- * Phones will be returned to pupils at the end of the school day before they leave the school site.

We also ask for the support of all parents and carers. **Once you enter the school site, please put your mobile phone away and refrain from using it unless there is an emergency or you have been asked to do so by a member of staff.** By modelling these expectations ourselves, we help create a calm, respectful environment and reinforce the healthy habits we want our children to develop.

As a school, we are committed to safeguarding our children and promoting their wellbeing. Research continues to highlight the impact that smartphones can have on children's mental health, concentration, sleep and social development. By limiting the presence of smartphones in school, we are helping children engage fully in learning, build positive relationships and enjoy their primary school years without unnecessary digital distractions.

Thank you for your continued support in helping us maintain a safe, calm and purposeful learning environment for all.

Best wishes
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