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Dear Parents/Carers

Mobile Phones in School

At Springdale we recognise that mobile phones are part of everyday life for many children and that they can play an important role in helping pupils to feel safe and secure. However we also recognise that they can compromise our safety in school and can provide a means of bullying or intimidating others. Therefore pupils are not permitted to have mobile phones at school or on trips as referred to in the Esafety Policy:

9.3 Learners use of personal devices and mobile phones

- *Learners will be educated regarding the safe and appropriate use of personal devices and mobile phones and will be made aware of boundaries and consequences.*
- *Mobile phones may only be brought to school with prior permission*
- *Springdale Primary School expects learners' personal devices and mobile phones to be handed in the school office on arrival and collected at the end of the day.*
- *When learners attend an after-school club, mobile devices should once again be handed in at the beginning of the session and collected at the end.*
- *Wearable technologies are not permitted in school.*
- *If a learner needs to contact his/her parents or carers they will be allowed to use a school phone.*

If in the rare event of a parent wishing for his/her child to bring a mobile phone to school in order to contact parents:

- The child and parent must have signed the Acceptable Use Agreement
- Parents must first discuss the issue with their child's teacher or School Leader.
- The phone must be switched off and handed in to the school office first thing in the morning before going to class and collected from there by the child at the end of the school day.
- The phone must be marked with name and class
- **The phone is left at the owner's own risk.**
- Mobile phones brought to school without permission will be confiscated and returned only to the parent.
- Phones must not be used for any purpose while the child is on school property.

Should the Class Teacher /SLT approve the request to bring the phone to school, please complete the attached:





I give permission for _____ Class _____

to bring a mobile phone to school

because _____

I understand the conditions of this request.

Signed (Parent) _____ Date _____

Agreed by _____ Class Teacher/SMT