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Dobcroft Junior School becoming Smartphone Free

Dear Parents/Carers,

We are writing to inform you of a change regarding the use of smartphones at our school. **The Governing Board has agreed, following the parent consultation that we will be implement a smartphone-free policy across school.** This decision has been made following the consultation that we held with the parent community in December and January.

The changes are effective immediately and pupils will no longer be given permission to bring smartphones onto the school premises.

For those pupils who currently have permission to bring a phone to school, we kindly request that, by September 2026, they replace their smartphones with feature free phones that do not have internet access, or alternatively, do not bring their smartphones to school at all. Recommendations for Feature Free phones can be found here: <https://www.smartphonefreechildhood.org/alternatives>

This approach is in line with other local schools: Silverdale Secondary School, which many of our children transition to, have the same 'Feature Free Phone' policy in place; Mercia School is a mobile phone free school where pupils are not allowed mobile phones, or any other form of electronic device.

To support our pupils and set a positive example, we also want to remind all parents that the entire school site is a mobile phone-free zone, in accordance with our Online Safeguarding Policy. We recognise that mobile phones are a huge part of people's lives, including parents, however we wish to lead by example as well as safeguard pupils and therefore respectfully ask that parents do not use their phones:

- In the car park
- In the playgrounds (before, during or after drop off and pick up)
- Within the school building

Thank you for your understanding and support as we work together to create a focused and safe learning environment for all our pupils.

Many thanks,

Nicola Sexton & Paul Harrison
Headteacher & Assistant Headteacher



