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Dear Parents and Carers,

I am writing to tell you about an important new policy at Weeke Primary School. From September 2025, we will be a smartphone-free school. This means children will not be allowed to bring smartphones to school.

Why are we making this change?

We want to keep all our children safe and help them learn better. Smartphones can cause problems for primary school children, including:

- Bullying online
- Seeing things that are not suitable for children
- Feeling worried or upset
- Finding it hard to concentrate in lessons
- Problems with privacy and safety
- Spending too much time worrying about social media

What does this mean?

From September 2025:

- Children cannot bring smartphones to school
- Year 5 and Year 6 children who need a phone for their journey to school can bring a basic phone (sometimes called a 'brick phone')
- Basic phones can only make calls and send texts - they cannot connect to the internet
- These phones must be given to the class teacher when children arrive and collected at home time
- Smartwatches and other internet devices are not allowed
- If we find these devices, we will keep them and only give them back to parents

What should you do now?

You have until September 2025 to get ready for this change. If your child needs a phone for travelling to school, you can buy basic phones from shops or online. These phones let children call and text but do not have internet.

Getting help and support

If you want more information, visit the Smartphone Free Childhood website:

<https://www.smartphonefreechildhood.org/> or visit our policy page at:

<https://www.weekeprimary.com/attachments/download.asp?file=281&type=pdf>



Our safeguarding team (Abby Goodchild, Rebecca Jakes and myself) will help make sure this policy works well. If you need to contact your child urgently, please call the school office instead of trying to reach them on a phone.

Why this is good for children?

This policy will help children:

- Make better friendships
- Concentrate better in lessons
- Feel less worried
- Play and talk with friends more
- Focus on learning

Thank you for supporting this important change. Together, we can help our children enjoy being children while they learn and grow.

We want our school to be a place where children can be curious, creative, and make real friendships.

Yours sincerely,



Jonathan Kirkham
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