MICKLE TRAFFORD VILLAGE SCHOOL

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Dear Year 5 and 6 Parents.

As more of the children in our upper KS2 classes are developing their independence skills and are now walking home unaccompanied after school, we have seen a growth in the number of children bringing a mobile phone to school.

We do understand that there will be certain occasions where a pupil may need their mobile phone on their person, for example where a pupil walks home from school alone or meets their parent at an agreed location and walks home together - in these rare circumstances the pupil must give their phone to the member of staff on arrival at the school gates, where it will be kept in a safe place with their class teacher. The children will have their phone returned to them as they leave the gates at the end of the school day. This is for the safeguarding of all of the children in our school.

We would also ask that children do not wear Smart watches in school that are capable of receiving messages from their phones. Fitbits and other sports watches used for counting steps etc are permitted.

Please can you sign the form below if your child may bring their phone to school on occasion when they will be walking home.

If you have any further questions, please contact school through the usual channels,

Kind regards, Mat Hutchinson Key Stage 2 Lead

Mobile phone

I give permission for my child to bring a phone to school on days when they will be walking home. I acknowledge that this phone will be stored safely, switched off while it is on school premises.

Signed: \_

\_\_\_\_ Parent/Guardian of \_\_\_\_