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Dear Thomas Fairchild Families,

Re: Use of Smart Devices in School

The Department for Education has recently released some updates in regards to the use of smart electronic devices in schools that have come into place in January 2024. As per our Safeguarding policy, any smart device that can capture images and has sharing capabilities must not be used on school premises whilst the children are in school. Personal devices such as smartphones, smart watches, iPads etc are not permitted to be used in school.

Should your child need to carry with them a device for communication with you, this will be kept in the school office during school hours and returned to your child at the end of the day.

As per our Safe Use of Internet Policy, the members of staff will continue to only take photos, videos or audio recordings using a school device. These will only be shared with the school community and on our website and school home learning portals if you have signed the appropriate agreement at the start of school.

If you have any questions or you would like to discuss this information further please get in touch with a member of SLT via the school office.

Best wishes,

Ms Joanna Ichim
Assistant Headteacher

Collaboration

Creativity

Focus

Kindness

Responsibility