The Chandler Church of England (Aided) Junior School

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Dear Parents/Carers,

MOBILE PHONES

At the start of a new school year, we would like to take the opportunity to remind you of our Mobile Phone policy. For various reasons, we don't actively encourage children to bring their mobile phones or smart watches (especially those with internet capabilities and/or cameras) to school, but we do recognise that in a small number of cases children may need to have a phone on their journey to or from school. Any phones or smart watches brought into school must be handed to the class teacher for the duration of the school day.

Mobile phones open every element of the internet to children who often don't have the knowledge to know what they are accessing or the maturity or skills to deal with it. We know that social media is accessed by many of our children, despite all of them being too young to legally have Instagram, Snapchat, Facebook pages, to name but a few. Chat on social media or by text spills over into school life and affects children's moods and behaviours at a time when they should be focused on lessons or the playground.

Phones and smart watches MUST be switched off on entering the school gates and not switched back on until leaving them. Any child found with a mobile phone or smart watch in school will have their phone or watch confiscated, to be returned solely to the child's parent or carer. They will also give up their right to bring a phone or smart watch to school in future.

We therefore ask that, if your child needs to bring their phone or smart watch to school, you complete the permission slip attached and return it to the school office. This consent form can also be completed on Arbor.

Thank you for your support with this.

Yours faithfully

Mr Hugh Rawson
Headteacher

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Return to: The School Office, The Chandler C of E Junior School, Middlemarch, Roke Lane, Witley, Godalming, Surrey GU8 5PB

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I …….. (parent/carer's name) give permission

for my child ……. (child's name) in Class……..

to bring their mobile phone/smart watch to school.

I understand that their phone/smart watch must be switched off at the school gate, handed into the class teacher on arrival and collected at the end of the day. Failure to do so will result in permission for having their phone/smart watch in school withdrawn. Their phone/smart watch will also be confiscated until it can be returned safely to me as parent/carer.

Signature: …… Date: ……..……