



# All Saints Church of England Primary School



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Dear Parents/Carers,

I am writing to you to highlight a concern that we need your support with.

Like all schools, we have incidents relating to student misuse of mobile phones. These range from bullying to the sharing of explicit messages, all of which are wrong, and we wish to support parents in managing. These **incidents occur outside of the school day** on mobile phones provided by you as parents and carers. However, our teaching and safeguarding teams are having to manage the repercussions of these behaviours in school.

When you provide your child/children with mobile devices, you have a duty of responsibility as parents/carers, to ensure that you set appropriate parental controls that restrict the content available to your child, and that you frequently check your children's devices, which includes smart TVs and games consoles, as well as mobile phones and tablets, to ensure that you know who they are in contact with and what they are doing online.

Additionally, it is important to take the time to educate your child about the importance of being kind online and not sharing/posting anything that is harmful either to them or to others. The school curriculum offers opportunities to all students to learn about the risks and safe use of social media and electronic devices, but the primary responsibility for this rests with parents.

One specific concern which I would like to share with you is the existence of year group wide "chats" on forums such as WhatsApp and Snapchat. Please check your child's device and discourage them from being part of such activity.

Only allow your child a phone when they walk to and from school without an adult. Take it off them at all other times unless you are watching them on it directly - they don't need it. The negative impact of the excessive use of electronic devices on emotional well-being, sleep patterns and mood are considerable. **Children should only bring their phone into school if they are walking home alone and these must be handed into the class teacher as soon as they arrive at school.**

If you have any questions or concerns relating to online safety, please contact myself in the first instance.

Yours sincerely  
Miss L Burgess  
Computing Lead  
Year 5/6 Teacher



Our All Saints family shall **ARISE** and shine for the light of The Lord is upon us

