

RIVER VIEW PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents and Carers

I hope that you have enjoyed the Spring break and look forward to working with you and your children over the Summer term. The governors have asked me to bring you up to date on some important information.

Changes to the behaviour policy:

There have been some changes to the behaviour policy in the light of government advice. There are two new appendices. Appendix 6 sets out what items are banned at school and our approach to search, screening and confiscation of any banned items. Banned Items include but are not limited to:

- weapons
- alcohol
- illegal drugs
- stolen goods
- tobacco products
- vapes
- pornographic images
- fireworks
- anything that has been, or is likely to be, used to cause injury or commit an offence
- Mobile phones (*see appendix 7)

Appendix 7 covers the use of mobile phones. The government has asked all schools to set out clearly how they will ensure that lessons are free from the distraction of mobile phones. Appendix 7 is included here for your information:

At River View mobile phones are not allowed. This is essential in establishing and maintaining high standards of behaviour ensuring that teachers can deliver the curriculum and that the school is a calm and safe environment for all pupils and staff. We do not allow the use of mobile phones and other smart technology with similar functionality to mobile phones (for example the ability to send and/or receive notifications or messages via mobile phone networks or the ability to record audio and/or video). This applies throughout the school day, including during lessons, the time between lessons, breaktimes and lunchtime.

Children in Year 5 and 6 may have permission from parents to walk home alone or meet at the gate, car etc. This is always checked before sending any child home alone. We recognise that when children are walking to and from school, parents may want them to have their mobile phone. If this is the case, children must hand their phone in to the office staff at the very start of the school day and collect them at the end of the school day. This is done via the front entrance. Office staff keep the phones safe during the day and will not answer the phones. Children should not have access to their mobile phone in school at any time of the day.



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This includes waiting for breakfast club or in the playground before school. Mobile phones are not allowed on school trips or on residential trips.

Mobile phones and other smart devices such as certain smart watches are banned items and will be confiscated if children carry them in the classroom or throughout the school day. Any device that is confiscated will be kept at school until the parent calls to collect.

Children are taught about the benefits and risks of mobile phones as part of the school curriculum and to support their personal development. School remains vigilant to the risks related to online safety. The staff code of conduct stipulates that staff do not use their own phones in any teaching areas and visitors are reminded not to use their mobile phones in school.

School Meal Price Increase:

Governors have sought to keep the cost of school meals as low as possible and have asked us to continue with a discount. You will be aware that costs have soared in recent years and this means that the cost of a school meal will rise to £2 per child from September. This is still a discounted rate and we hope you understand the need for school to cover increased costs.

Nursery Places:

Please be aware that we have places available in our Nursery classes from September. If you know of anyone who is looking for a Nursery place please direct them to our website for all the details on how to apply or to contact us to meet our Early Years team.

As always, please feel free to call into school at any time if you would like to discuss the above or anything else with a member of staff.

Kind Regards



Mr D Gauld

Head Teacher

