



**Silsden Primary
School**

2nd February 2023

Mobile Phones

Dear Parents and Carers,

I am writing to you to express my concern regarding the number of children who are bringing mobile phones into school. There is a culture developing where groups of older children are congregating before and after school on their phones together. There is no place for this anywhere within the school grounds.

I have written to parents several times expressing the schools concern about children accessing social media apps and using them to send messages to one another using inappropriate and vulgar language. Again, I need to ask you are parents to closely monitor this activity.

From Monday 6th Feb, we will be operating a no phones policy at school. Children should not be using phones on the school premises under any circumstances.

If parents require their children to send communications on their phones as they walk on their own, to and from school, then they must do this off the school premises. Parents will need to give permission for their child to have a phone in school and should do this via an email for my attention to the school office.

office@silsden.bradford.sch.uk

Once in school, phones should be handed to the class teacher at the start of the day and collected at home time. The transfer of the phone from the child to the teacher and back again should be the only time a child should be seen with a mobile phone on the school premises.

If children are seen with phones on school premises and are in breach of the conditions set out above, then they will be confiscated and returned to the parent in person at the parent's request. They will not be given back to the child.

Before parents email with this consent, I would ask you to consider whether there is a need for your child to have a phone at all at any point during the school.

Thank you for your support and understanding.

Yours faithfully,

K.S.Russell
Headteacher