CHAPELFIELD PRIMARY SCHOOL

Respect, Honesty, Caring, Commitment

HEADTEACHER **Mrs A Reed**

07.09.2026

Dear Parents/Cares.

It has been lovely to welcome the children back over the last few days. Thank you for the work that has gone in to preparing them for the new school year, the children have looked smart and school has been very calm – a great way to begin!

I am sure you will be aware that there has been new legislation regarding mobile phone use in schools. This has led to a new mobile phone policy being implemented in school to ensure we continue to provide a safe, focused, and positive learning environment for all pupils. In practice much of our approach has stayed the same and is summarised below:

- **Pupils are not permitted to use mobile phones during school hours** (including break and lunchtime).
- **Mobile phones must be switched off on entry to school and handed in at their classroom.** This means no pupil's phone should be on, at anytime, on site.
- **Exceptions may be granted** for specific medical or safeguarding needs, but only with prior approval from the school (please see the policy for further information regarding this).
- **Any mobile phone seen or heard during the school day will be confiscated (even if it is switched off)** and must be collected by a parent/carer from the school office.
- **Other devices with connectivity** such as smart watches, Bluetooth headphones etc. should **not be brought into school.**

This will ensure our school remains phone free and allows children to enjoy a safe learning environment. We would appreciate your support by:

- discussing this policy with your child to ensure they understand the new rules.
- completing and returning the attached consent form by Friday 11th September if your child is in **Year 5 or Year 6** and **walks to or from school by themselves**. This is the only reason a phone should be brought into school
- Remind your child that the school takes no responsibility for loss or damage to mobile phones brought onto school premises.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding this new policy, please do not hesitate to contact school. Thank you for your cooperation and support in helping us maintain a safe and positive environment for all our pupils.

Kind regards,



A.Reed

Year 5/6 Mobile Phone Permission Form

[To be completed by parents/carers of Year 5/6 pupils who walk to school independently]

Pupil name: _____ **Class:** _____

I give permission for my child to bring a mobile phone to Chapelfield Primary School for the purpose of their journey to and from school.

I understand and agree that:

- My child must switch off their phone completely upon entry to school premises
- My child must hand their phone to a member of staff immediately upon arrival
- The phone will be stored securely and returned at the end of the school day
- My child must not switch on or use their phone anywhere on school premises during the school day
- I send the phone to school at my own risk
- The school will take reasonable care but cannot accept liability for loss, theft or damage
- If my child breaks the rules, sanctions will be applied as outlined in the mobile phone policy
- This permission may be withdrawn if my child does not follow the policy

Parent/carer name: _____

Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

Emergency contact number: _____