



## Coston Primary School

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Dear Parents/Carers,

### Mobile phones in school

I am extremely disappointed that a number of parents have not supported the school in upholding our e-Safety policy. Letters were sent out in June, with a reminder in July, about the changes to our policy. However, I discovered this morning that there are a significant number of children still bringing smart phones into school, and keeping them in their coats or bags in the corridors. Not only does this leave the phones at risk of being taken from the bags or coats, but more importantly it is openly defying a school rule, which was agreed by the governors. It also goes against the sentiments of the Home School agreement signed by the children and parents.

Encouraging children to lie, and flout a school rule sends a very poor message to your child, and is not preparing them to be responsible, honest and trustworthy individuals.

For today and tomorrow ONLY, I have asked the children to hand their phones, whatever phone they may be, so that we can ensure they are safe. However, with effect from **MONDAY 11<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER** parents/carers who wish their child to carry a mobile phone to school must ensure the phone is not capable of taking photographs or films, with no social media access to the Internet.

This is also the requirement of some local high schools, including William Perkin. Models that meet this requirement include the Nokia 105 and Nokia 130. You do not need to purchase an additional payment plan, the children just have to swap their SIM card between phones.

The phone should be clearly marked with the child's name, switched off as soon as pupils enter the school grounds each morning, and not switched on again until after they have left the premises. Phones will continue to be collected in as children arrive in the classroom and returned at home time.

Any mobile phones discovered to have been brought into the school which do not comply with the school policy will be confiscated immediately. Parents will be asked to collect the mobile phone from the school office at the end of half term.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'K Moyse', with a horizontal line underneath.

Kate Moyse  
Head Teacher