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## Mobile Phone and Smart Watches

Dear parents / carers,

We would like to take this opportunity to remind all our parents/carers about the rules regarding mobile phones and smart watches in school. The rules have not changed but school staff have reported a number of children bringing mobile communication devices into school, possibly without their parent/carers consent or knowledge. Mobile phones and smart watches are costly electronic devices and, unless there is a clear purpose as outlined below, must stay at home.

### Mobile Phones

**Pupils are not permitted to bring mobile phones onto or use them whilst on the school site. This includes in the playground before and after school.** As per our Online Policy (<https://www.greenside-sch.org/policies/>) mobile phones are not to be used whilst on the school site and pupils who do bring them into school (our year 5 and 6 pupils who walk home) **must ensure that the phone is switched off as soon as they enter school grounds** and handed in to the class teacher to be stored securely for the duration of the school day. All pupils in year 5 and 6 will be reminded of this expectation.

### Smart Watches

**Pupils are not permitted to wear smart watches in school.** Smart watches are wearable computers with a touchscreen interface which are internet and camera enabled and therefore pose the same concerns as mobile phones in terms of safeguarding.

To ensure the safety of all pupils and staff and the safety of any devices, any pupils who are found using their phone in the school grounds will be asked to switch it off until they leave the school premises at the end of the day.

Thank you for your continued support in ensuring that all our pupils remain safe in school.

Yours faithfully,  
Mrs S Fuller  
Headteacher

