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## Smart Watches

Dear Parents/Carers,

As I am sure you are aware, many of today's children have a number of smart devices which they use as part of their daily lives. Increasingly, the children are bringing some of these devices into school, such as mobile phones, but also now smart watches as well. Mobile phones are controlled in school by being left at the school office while the children are on the site, but currently smart watches are uncontrolled.

Some of the smart watches which are available for use now, are able to make and receive calls and messages, and take photographs without connecting directly to a mobile phone. They are also able to take pictures and store pictures, introducing the possibility of pictures being taken in school and pictures that have been taken out of school (including those downloaded from the internet) being viewed in school on the device.

After careful consideration, the school has arrived at the conclusion that these watches pose a potential risk to children, similar to the risks posed by having an uncontrolled mobile phone in and around the school building.

For this reason, and in the interests of maintaining the very highest standards of protection for children in our school, we have taken the decision to ban smart watches from the school with immediate effect.

If children are using the smart watches instead of a mobile phone, and parents or carers require them to have these devices for the walk to or from school, then the same documentation currently available for mobile phones can be completed, in order to allow the smart watch to be handed in at the school office at the start of the day and retrieved from the office at the end of the day.

Thank you for your support and understanding, as we continue to follow the highest standards of keeping children safe in school.

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