

Dear Parents/Carers

I am writing to you regarding pupils who walk home by themselves.

At Beaconside, we strive to ensure the safety and well-being of all our pupils. This means that if you are allowing your child to walk home by themselves/not get collected from the gate then we request this information in writing by completing the form below.

We also allow pupils to bring mobile phones to school if they are walking home alone. This provides an additional layer of security and allow pupils to stay in contact with you, their parents or carers, during their journey home.

If you would like your child to have a mobile phone at school for the purpose of **walking home alone only**, please complete the attached permission form and return it to your child's class teacher or via email to [office@beaconside.worcs.sch.uk](mailto:office@beaconside.worcs.sch.uk).

The form outlines our expectations and guidelines for the use of mobile phones on school premises. Failure to comply will result in the withdrawal of this offer.

You may have heard that the government has recently updated its guidance on the use of mobile phones in school - **it is now prohibited for children to use their personal mobile phones in school**. Previously this was just a school rule. **This also applies to smart watches.**

For ease of administration, please can we ask that this form is completed, even if you have already informed us via other methods (email/face to face).

Yours Sincerely

Mrs Hadley

| Responsibilities   | Sanctions  |
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| <p><b>Pupils</b></p> <p>Pupils should not use their mobile phone or other personal electronic devices once they enter the school gates. Devices must be switched off and put away before they enter the school gates.</p> <p>Phones <b>must</b> be taken to Mr. Stone's office and placed in the designated basket.</p> <p><b>Parents</b></p> <p>As partners in your child's education, you have an important role in supporting the school's policy on prohibiting the use of mobile phones in school.</p> <p>We would appreciate your support in discussing and reinforcing the policy home.</p> | <p>If a pupil chooses not to follow the policy, government guidance states that schools have the power to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Search a pupil or their possessions where they have reasonable grounds to suspect that the pupil is in possession of a prohibited item - this now includes mobile phones and other personal electronic devices.</li><li>• Confiscate mobile phones or similar devices for a period of time deemed appropriate by the headteacher.</li><li>• Enforce sanctions and disciplinary measures, such as detention and the removal of certain privileges.</li></ul> |

Pupil Name:

Class:

I give permission for my child to walk home/leave the school grounds by themselves.

I have read the information below and shared it with my child and give permission for them to bring a mobile phone to school.

Signed:

Date: