



Upper Beeding Primary School

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Dear Parent/Carer,

Mobile Phones for Children in Year 5 and Year 6

Further to previous correspondence regarding this, if your child needs to bring a non-smartphone mobile into school from Friday, please complete the attached form. This is to give your permission and to explain the reason your child needs to have a phone in school.

Please make sure that your child understands the school rules about mobile phone use. These are very important and are in place to protect all of our pupils.

These rules take effect from **Friday 11th September 2026**.

Once the completed permission slip is received, a certificate will be issued to your child as proof they have permission to bring their dumb/brick phone into school.

School Rules on Mobile Phones

- Upper Beeding Primary is a smartphone-free school. As such, pupils may only bring a non-smartphone, commonly known as a 'dumb' or 'brick' phone to school. Only pupils in Years 5 and 6 may bring a phone to school.
- If your child brings a smartphone into school, whether intentionally or accidentally, it will be handed into the school office where it can be collected by an adult at the end of the school day.
- We strongly discourage pupils from bringing any phones into school, as there is always a risk of phones being lost, damaged or used inappropriately in school. Parents can always get a message to pupils by calling the school office.
- If a pupil has need to bring a non-smartphone into school, the parent must complete this permission slip and hand it to the school office.
- Phones must be turned off at all times on school premises (including in the car park, outside the gate to the playground and in the cloakrooms).
- Pupils must hand their phone to their class teacher when they arrive in the classroom. Their phone will be kept in the classroom until the end of the school day when it will be handed back to the pupil.
- The school accepts no responsibility for loss or damage to any mobile phones whilst on the school premises.
- Pupils' phones should be clearly marked with their name.
- If a pupil is found using a phone whilst on school premises, this will be treated as a serious matter and will be dealt with in accordance with the school's Behaviour Policy.

Yours sincerely

Matt Andrews
Head Teacher



NON-SMARTPHONE PARENTAL CONSENT FORM

I give permission for my child (name)

to bring their non-smartphone into school.

My child requires their non-smartphone in school because:

I have discussed the rules regarding phones as detailed in the letter with my and we understand the implications of breaking them.

Name of Parent / Carer

Signature of Parent / Carer

Date

PLEASE RETURN THIS COMPLETED PERMISSION SLIP TO THE SCHOOL OFFICE

