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Dear Parents and careers.

We would like to introduce a new initiative and would greatly appreciate your support with this. From Monday we would like the playground to become a "Mobile Free Zone". This is so that you can see your children into school with a smile and give them your full attention. Again, when you pick up your children it will give you the opportunity to discuss their day. We realise that there will be occasions where you will need to take an urgent call and fully respect this, but we would ask for your support in following the new school policy on not using mobile phones in this area and being great role models for your children in terms of phone usage.

This approach is in no way designed to dictate to you but just to encourage families to talk to one another at the beginning and end of the school day. This is also in line with many other schools. We hope that you will see this as a positive initiative in a busy world!



Current research shows that difficulties with language and communication in Primary age children is on the increase and it is considered that use of technology has impacted on this.

'1 Million Children in the UK have speech, language and communication needs SLCN' (I CAN, 2016)

'2 Children in every class will have clinically significant language difficulties' (Norbury, 2016) '50% of children in some areas start school with delayed language' (I CAN, 2016) 'In primary schools, more children have language difficulties than any other special need' (I CAN, 2016)





