

HEAVERS FARM AND SELSDON PRIMARY SCHOOLS MOBILE PHONE USE AGREEMENT 2015/16

Name of pupil:	Pupil's mobile number:
Class:	..
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> I wish my child to have a mobile phone with him/her in school for the following reason(s): I acknowledge that the school accepts no responsibility for the loss or damage to my child's phone. 	
Name of parent/carer:	
Signature of parent/carer:	
Date:	

Please ask yourself: **“Does my child actually need a mobile phone in school?”** Please consider the following:

- The vast majority of our pupils live in easy walking distance of school.
- In an emergency, we will always allow pupils to use the school telephone to contact you.
- If your child is unwell or in a distressed state, the school will contact you immediately.
- The Police are concerned at the number of mobile phone thefts from school children using their phone in the street. These thefts account for the considerable rise in ‘street crime’.
- Your child's mobile phone is a serious distraction if used in lesson time. If your child does bring a mobile to school, the following apply:**
 - Mobiles must be switched **off** whilst on school premises.
 - All mobiles must be handed in to the class teacher at the start of the school day. The mobiles will be put in a named bag and sent to the school office for safe keeping during the day. Mobiles must not be collected until the pupil leaves the school premises.
 - All mobiles must be **clearly labelled** in order to ensure that they are returned to the correct pupil.
 - Any pupils seen with a mobile in a lesson will have it confiscated. It may be collected that evening by their parent or carer.
 - A second confiscation of the phone from the same pupil will result in an outright ban on bringing the mobile phone to school.

- The school accepts no liability for loss of or damage to the phone while on school premises or at any activity organised by the school. The phone is, at all times, the responsibility of the pupil.
- If a pupil is found taking photographs or video footage with a mobile phone of either other pupils or teachers, this will be regarded as a serious offence and the Headteacher will decide on appropriate disciplinary action. If images of other pupils or teachers have been taken, the phone will not be returned until the images have been removed by a senior member of staff in the presence of the pupil and another witness.
- Where offensive or bullying messages and/or photographs or videos have been sent to other pupils in school, the phone of the offender will be confiscated.
- Please note that offensive messages may be recorded. These will be handed to the Police if the offence is subject to a Police investigation.
- **Pupils without a signed permission slip will have their mobile phone confiscated.** If you wish your child to continue to bring a mobile phone to school we ask you to complete and return this form to the main office.