

Monday 26<sup>th</sup> January 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are writing to remind families of our school policy regarding mobile phones.

At Holmer, children should not bring mobile phones to school unless parents or carers have completed the appropriate permission form and the phone is required specifically because the child walks to or from school independently. We would only expect this to apply to a small number of children in Year 6 in preparation for the transition to high school.

Where a mobile phone is permitted under this arrangement, it must be handed in to a member of school staff at the start of the school day and will be kept securely until the end of the day.

If your child is walking to meet you at an agreed location, such as the Leisure Centre, we ask that you carefully consider whether it is necessary for them to bring a mobile phone into school for this purpose. Children will be reminded that if a parent or carer is not at the agreed meeting point, they should return to school, where staff will always be available to assist them and ensure they remain safe.

We would also like to draw your attention to the Education Secretary, Bridget Phillipson's, letter to schools issued today, which reinforces the national position on mobile phones in schools. In her letter, she states:

*"We have always been clear that mobile phones have no place in schools – I know many of you feel the same. But it is clear that the previous guidance did not deliver the clarity or consistency that schools need, or help enough in setting out for parents that this is a clear national position. That is why we have strengthened it to be explicit – all schools should be phone-free environments for the entire school day. That includes lessons, time between lessons, breaktimes and lunchtime."*

Our policy at Holmer fully reflects this strengthened guidance and our commitment to maintaining a safe, focused learning environment for all children.

Thank you for your continued support and cooperation. If you have any questions about this policy, please do not hesitate to contact the school office.

Yours sincerely,

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