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Ban of Personal Smart Devices at Burford School

Dear Parents and Carers,

In 2024, following a government initiative, Burford School implemented a phased ban on **smart** devices (smart phones and smart watches). This phased ban is now complete and from September 2026 children will no longer be permitted to bring smart devices into school (previously Year 5 and 6 only).

Please see below the details of the phased ban that was implemented.

School Year	Year groups allowed to bring smart devices to school.
2024/2025	Current year 5 and 6 cohort
2025/2026	Year 6 pupils (our current Year 5 cohort)
2026/2027	No personal smart devices permitted*

*Medical exceptions may apply.

Smart devices include mobile phones and watches that have many similar capabilities to a computer, including connecting to the internet and taking/holding photos.

We are aware of the benefit of mobile devices for communication when Year 5 and 6 pupils are walking home. Therefore, pupils in these year groups only will still be able to bring mobile phones without smart technology features to school (e.g. Nokia 3310/3210 or similar). These will continue to be locked away in classrooms during the school day. We can also recommend the use of tracking devices, such as Apple Airtags, to replace the 'find my' feature on smart devices.

Any smart devices that are brought into school will be passed to the school office and will need to be collected in person by a parent or guardian.

We appreciate your support on this matter.

Yours sincerely,

Burford School's Senior Leadership Team

