## Plymouth Cast Academy Trust St Joseph's Catholic Primary School

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Head Teacher: Mr Neil McDermott BEng (Hons) Med

Thursday 21st July 2022

Dear Parents/Carers,

#### Year 5 and 6 Children's Mobile Phone Permission

Parents should discourage pupils from bringing mobile phones to school on the grounds that they are valuable and may be lost or stolen.

However, we recognize that in Years 5 and 6 mobile phones may have a part to play in securing pupils' personal safety before and after school when walking alone to and from school. Parents should inform the school office if their child will be walking home from school alone.

Our expectation is that in all other year groups pupils will be collected by an adult or responsible person and therefore do not need to bring mobile phones into school.

#### **School Rules on Mobile Phones**

- We strongly discourage pupils from bringing phones to school, as there is 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 a need to bring a phone to school, their parent must complete this permission slip and hand it to the class teacher.
- Phones must be turned off at all times on school premises (including on the playground before and after school, and in the cloakrooms).
- Pupils must hand their phone to their class teacher when they arrive at school. Their phone will be kept in the classroom until the end of the school day.
- The school accepts no responsibility for loss or damage to mobile phones. Please avoid sending valuable phones to school if at all possible.
- Pupils' phones should be clearly marked with their name.
- If a pupil is found to be using a phone on school premises, this is a serious matter and will be dealt with in accordance with the school's Behaviour Policy.

If your child needs to bring a phone to school, please complete the attached form to give your permission. 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.

Yours sincerely

Mr N McDermott Head Teacher

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### **Mobile Phone Permission**

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I confirm that my child will be either walking	g to or from school alone.
Parent Signature	
Print Name	
Date:	