



To parents/carers of children going on school journeys

MOBILE PHONES ON SCHOOL RESIDENTIAL JOURNEYS

Please note that children are **not** permitted in any circumstances to take mobile phones on school journeys. Any phone found will be confiscated for the duration of the trip. This is in line with our school policy on mobile phones, which has been drawn up after consultation with the borough's Health and Safety Officer. It also complies with Department of Health guidelines on the use of mobile phones by children.

As well as the practical problems of keeping numerous phones secure and fully charged, they may distract some children from paying full attention to the task in hand, which could ultimately have consequences for their safety.

However, we do recognise that there are occasions when quick access to a mobile phone could be helpful. All teachers and group leaders will therefore carry phones whenever they are out with their groups. They will show the children in their group where the phone is kept and how to make a call, in the unlikely event of a child needing to access it.

In the event of an emergency situation arising during a residential journey, all staff are fully aware of the procedure to be followed. You can be sure that the safety and welfare of your children is always the highest priority.

Your full co-operation in adhering to this policy is appreciated. Please read through this with your children to ensure that they fully understand the arrangements.

Governing Body
Heathfield Junior School