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Smart Watches in School

Dear Parents,

We have recently noticed an increase in the number of pupils wearing 'smart' watches in school. These have become quite a distraction to learning in class, but also pose concerns in terms of safeguarding and GDPR. With many of the watches now having camera and video functionality, we cannot allow pupils to have access to unsecured devices that can record videos and images. Pupils could quite innocently take photographs or make video recordings with sound which would breach our School Privacy Notices with regards to permissions given to take photographs and recordings.

To this end, **smart watches are not permitted in school.** To ensure the safety of all pupils and staff and the safety of any devices, any pupils who are found to be wearing a smart watch will be asked to remove it and it will be stored securely by the class teacher until the end of the day.

Pupils are permitted to wear a traditional analogue or digital watch to school if they choose to do so, as long as they take personal responsibility for it.

Thank you for your continued support in ensuring that all of our pupils remain safe in school.

Kind regards,

Effie Demetriou
Headteacher

