Acceptable Use of Mobile Phones Policy

For Pupils in Year 6

At Westwood Farm Schools we recognise that some older pupils may need to bring a mobile phone to school for safety reasons, particularly when travelling independently. To ensure the wellbeing of all pupils and the smooth running of the school day, we have set the following rules:

1. Bringing Phones to School

- Mobile phones are **not required** for school use.
- If a phone is brought to school, it must be for a clear safety or travel reason, agreed by parents/carers.
- Parents/carers must inform the school if their child needs to bring a phone.

2. Storage During the Day

- Phones must be **switched off** on arrival at school.
- Pupils must hand their phones to their class teacher at the start of the day.
- Phones will be stored securely and returned at home time.

3. Use of Phones

- Phones must **not be used** on school grounds during the day. This includes before and after school.
- This includes making calls, sending messages, taking photos, or accessing the internet and social media or games.
- Phones may only be switched back on once pupils have left the school site.

4. Online Safety & Respect

- Pupils must not use their phones in ways that could cause upset, bullying, or harm to others.
- Taking photos, videos, or recording at school is strictly prohibited.
- Any inappropriate or unsafe use will be taken seriously, and parents/carers will be contacted.

5. Responsibility

- Pupils are responsible for keeping their phone safe and secure while travelling to and from school.
- The school is not responsible for lost, damaged, or stolen phones.

6. Consequences for Misuse

- If a phone is used inappropriately or not handed in, it will be confiscated and returned only to a parent/carer.
- Repeated misuse may result in a pupil no longer being allowed to bring a phone to school.

✅ **Summary for Pupils:**

- Hand your phone in every morning.
- Keep it switched off on school property.
- Use your phone responsibly and respectfully outside school.