



BURLINGTON JUNIOR SCHOOL

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Dear Parents,

I hope that your children have settled well into their new classes and year groups. At this time of year we begin to see children in Year five and six be given more responsibility such as walking to and from school and this often leads to them having a phone.

I will be speaking to the children in assembly about their phone use. I will keep reminding them that their phones need to be out of sight as they enter the school grounds. Children should not be seen in the morning or after school looking at phones or showing their phone screen to others. Phones have to be placed in a bag or pocket and cannot be held in their hands once they are through the school gate. If a pupil cannot follow these simple rules, then we may ask them not to bring in phones to school for a period of time.

When children arrive in class, the phones are put into a sealed plastic box and then returned to them as they leave school.

It is also worth sharing a few other reminders.

- We want our children to be ready, respectful and safe on their way to and from school. If they are going to a local park or shops, we expect them to represent the school well.
- Bikes can only be ridden to school if your child has passed bikeability or if they are accompanied by an adult. Children are expected to wear a helmet whether they come to school on their own or are accompanied..
- Children should not be wearing jewellery to school or extravagant earrings, hair ties or watches. If they do, they will be asked to remove them.
- Children who walk to school alone should remain on the school site once they arrive. They are not allowed to go back out in the morning to visit a shop or search for a friend for example.

Please could I ask all parents who are allowing their children to use Whatsapp (16+), Tiktok (13+), Snapchat (13) and other platforms with age restrictions to regularly check what their children are writing, sharing or watching. There are many things that we would all want children to be protected from, that are usually two clicks away. Can you also discuss the language being used on these platforms? Below is a link to lots of parent/teacher guidance on our school website.

<https://www.burlingtonj.kingston.sch.uk/page/?title=Online+Safety&pid=72>

The use of technology and social media is something that this generation of children will need to navigate with help from all of us. Thank you for your support.

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With best wishes,

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