9th September 2019

Dear Parents

**Re: Special Arrangements for Year 6**

I understand that as your child moves into Year 6, many of you are keen to encourage independence and responsibility in preparation for next year and their move to senior school. Naturally I will always support this ethos and with this in mind, I outline below our policy for those children that will be walking independently and also those that will be bringing mobile phones into school.

**Mobile Phones**

The use of mobile phones on school premises is strictly prohibited. If your child is brought to and collected from school, they are **not allowed** to bring a mobile phone with them as any emergency phone calls can be made at the school office. Bringing mobile phones into school is reserved just for those children that walk to and from school independently and they must remain **off** whilst they are on school premises and should be kept in your child’s school bag at all times. **Please note that the school does not accept responsibility for loss or damage of the phone whilst it is on school premises.**

**Walking to and from school**

To ensure that the safety of all the children at the school is maintained, it will be necessary for you to formally register that your child has your permission to walk to and from school independently and we ask that you complete the permission slip below accordingly and return as soon as possible. I am aware that some parents have already given verbal permission through the school office, however these parents will still need to complete the slip below. Can I also ask that you return the slip if you **DO NOT** want your child to leave the school premises without being collected by a designated adult.

**Class Activities**

From time to time, we will use various visual resources to help with our topic and class work and this includes watching film clips (and on occasions full length films) some of which will carry a PG rating. Could you also annotate below on the permission slip your consent that your child may watch films with this certified film classification.

During lessons, inside and outside of the classroom, we take photographs/ videos as evidence of work undertaken and also to celebrate the achievements of the children. These images will only be used in line with the consent we hold for your child at the school. You may review and withdraw your consent at any time by contacting the school office. Traditionally we have also used images of the children for a presentation, which is shown during the Leavers assembly and then presented to each child on a memory stick as a memento of their time at Newlands. Please indicate on the permission slip below if you consent for your child’s images to appear in this presentation.

Thank you for your cooperation with this.

Mrs Hawkes
Head of School
Return to Year 6 Teachers – Year 6 Mobile Phones & Independent Walking

Name……………………………………………………………… Class………………………………………………

☐ I give permission for my child to walk to and from school independently

☐ I give permission for my child to walk to and from school independently following any after school clubs/activities

☐ I give permission for my child to bring their mobile phone into school and understand that the school does not accept responsibility for any loss or damage.

☐ My child IS NOT allowed to walk home from school independently

☐ I give permission for my child to watch films and clips thereof of PG certified films.

☐ I give permission for my child to appear in the Leaver’s Assembly video/photo presentation

Signed: ………………………………………………………………… Date: ………………………………………………

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