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Dear Shacklewell Families,

Pupil Mobile Phones and Wearable Technology

Welcome back to the new term- the staff at Shacklewell cannot wait to get started with the pupils shortly. I will be writing to you at the end of the week to provide an update on the highlights of the first week back at school.

Following the festive period I am sure many children are now the proud owners of a new mobile phone or smart watch. With this in mind, I wanted to outline the school's expectations about these sorts of devices.

Mobile phones are permitted to be brought to the school by pupils in Year 6. These must be switched off and then left at the front office before the start of school. They can then be collected by the pupils at the end of the school day.

Smart watches with the capability of connecting to the internet are not permitted at school- these devices were increasingly distracting pupils in class. Unfortunately switching it to 'silent' or 'airplane mode' is not sufficient. If a child brings one of these devices to school it will be kept safely at the front office until an adult can collect it.

It would also be much appreciated if as adults we can show children how best to use mobile devices, by not using them when coming onto the school grounds. This will help the children to see the value in engaging fully with teachers and staff and prevent any unnecessary distractions at drop off and pick up time.

In order to support families with new or existing technology in the home I will be running e-safety workshops on Thursday 1st February at 9:00am and 2:30pm.

If you have any questions or comments then please do not hesitate to contact me via the office.

Yours sincerely

Rory McGrath
Headteacher