

# Working to make Willow Brook a safer place!

Mobile phones are exciting. They provide us with a way to keep in touch and to keep safe.

With permission, Year 6 children who walk home from school by themselves may bring a mobile phone to school if this makes them feel safe. No other child in school should need to have a mobile phone with them during the school day.

We agreed that phones in Year 6 should be switched off, handed to the teacher, returned at the end of the day. Year 6 agreed that texts would only be sent to reassure parents when it was absolutely necessary and not as a habit. These texts will always be done in front of a teacher. Year 6 phones will not be visible in the playground.

Willow Brook children like being sociable. In our school council meeting we agreed that we want our time together to be full of:

- play
- talk
- fun and happiness
- hellos and goodbyes
- kindness and being aware of each other
- good manners

and this includes time at the beginning and end of the day.

Children told the school council...

'We do not like to be ignored or to see eyes glued to a screen...'

'We would like our playground to be a safe zone that is screen free...'

'There's time to play on phones at home...'

We want to ask our parents to help us by:

- realising we don't need our phones until we get home
- setting a good example and only using their phones in the playground if it is absolutely necessary.

Teachers can help us by being a good example too. They will not use their personal phones to take photographs of us, text or make calls in our classrooms unless their calls are really necessary.