## **Aughton Junior Academy**



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Dear Parents/Carers,

## Personal Electronic Devices and School

We recognise that mobile phones/smart watches are part of everyday life for many children, and that they can play an important role in helping pupils to feel safe and secure. However, we also recognise that they can prove a distraction in school and can provide a means of bullying or intimidating others.

- Pupils are not permitted to have mobile phones at school unless they are in Year 6 and have been given permission to walk home alone. These phones will be collected in a morning by the Class teacher, locked away, and given out at the end of the day (the phone is left at the owner's own risk).
- Smart watches should not be brought to school as they may be valuable and could be lost or stolen.
- The watches would enable some students to go online during the school day unsupervised, to access the internet or even make calls, therefore we apply the same reasoning as a mobile phone.
- Please note that, although we encourage children to wear watches in school, please do not allow your child
  to wear a 'smart' watch, or any watch that has the same functionality as a mobile phone or PC, on the
  school site.

Where a pupil is found to be in unauthorised possession of a mobile phone/smart watch, the phone/watch will be confiscated by the Class Teacher, locked away safely, and returned only to the parent/carer.

Thank you for your continued support,

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Tomlinson Principal