



# Barrowby Church of England Primary School

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## URGENT: Smart Watches and Devices in School

Dear Parents/Carers,

We are writing to inform you of a serious incident that occurred today involving some of our Year 6 children and the misuse of smart technology in school. A child has worn a smart watch to school without their parent's permission and taken several photographs and videos of events during the school day, including other children, using a smart watch whilst in the lunchtime hall, through the school and on the playground.

This is a clear breach of our school's safeguarding principles and our Mobile Devices Policy, which strictly prohibits any device capable of taking photographs or videos from being brought into school.

Unfortunately, despite knowing this should not happen, the children involved have not come forward voluntarily. This raises significant concerns about privacy, consent, and safeguarding.

To be absolutely clear: **Smart watches or any wearable technology with camera or video capability are NOT permitted in school.**

We ask all parents to be vigilant and ensure that children do not bring such technology into school. These devices pose a serious risk to the safety and privacy of all pupils and staff.

Please take time to discuss this matter with your child and remind them of the importance of respecting others' privacy and following school rules. You can review our full Mobile Devices Policy by visiting our school website: [Key Information-Policies-Management-Mobile Device Usage Policy](#).

It was fortunate that we were able to act quickly and confiscate the item to manage the situation and ensure the safety and wellbeing of all pupils. Please note that the parent of the child who took the photographs and videos have already been spoken to and all parents of those children involved will be contacted individually.

Thank you for your continued support in keeping our school a safe and respectful environment for all.

Yours sincerely,

Mr L Batey  
Head teacher

