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Dear Parents and Carers of Dosbarth Derw,

I am writing to inform you of an incident that occurred in school today involving mobile phones. A significant number of pupils used their phones on the school site during the morning, which is not permitted under our agreed Year 6 protocols.

As you know, bringing a mobile phone to school has been a privilege offered to Year 6 pupils. The rules are clear: if a phone is brought to school, it must be **switched off on arrival and placed in the class mobile-phone box**, where it remains for the duration of the school day. Many pupils have consistently respected this expectation.

However, throughout this year we have experienced several repeated incidents where pupils have not followed these protocols. Today, a number of pupils were involved in using social media apps, specifically **Snapchat** and **TikTok**, while on the school premises.

These platforms have **strict age ratings of 13+**, and current online-safety guidance from organisations such as the **UK Safer Internet Centre** and **NSPCC** highlights the risks associated with younger children accessing social-media apps, including exposure to inappropriate content, contact from strangers, and features such as disappearing messages or live streaming that are unsuitable for primary-aged pupils.

Given the repeated breaches of our agreed procedures and the inappropriate use of these apps today, I regret to inform you that I have no option but to **withdraw the privilege of bringing mobile phones onto the school site**. From tomorrow onwards, **no mobile phones should be brought into school** by pupils in Dosbarth Derw.

We appreciate that some parents choose to provide their child with a mobile phone for travel or safety reasons outside school hours. However, the safety and wellbeing of all pupils while on site must remain our priority, and we thank you in advance for supporting this decision.

Thank you for your continued understanding and cooperation.
If you have any questions or wish to discuss this further, please do not hesitate to contact me.

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Headteacher of Oaklands Primary