

Our aim is to create a happy school where every member feels valued and able to achieve personal excellence.

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Subject: Important Update – Smart Glasses and Wearable Technology

Dear Parents and Guardians,

As we welcome our pupils back for the start of the new academic year, we remain committed to providing a safe, focused, and secure environment for our entire school community.

As technology continues to rapidly evolve, new devices are reshaping the way we connect, learn, and share information. One of the latest innovations we are closely monitoring is *Smart Glasses*—eyewear that looks like ordinary spectacles but includes built-in cameras, microphones, and internet connectivity. Products such as Ray-Ban Meta Glasses highlight how accessible and affordable this technology has now become.

While these developments are exciting, they also raise important questions about privacy, confidentiality, and safety within our school environment. Because smart glasses can discreetly record, live-stream, or share content instantly, they pose unique risks to our pupils, staff, and visitors.

- **Privacy & Consent:** Images, videos, or audio can easily be captured and shared without the knowledge or consent of those being recorded.
- **Confidentiality in Meetings:** Recording school meetings, parent-teacher consultations, or sensitive discussions without the explicit, prior consent of all parties undermines the trust necessary for collaborative partnership and breaches confidentiality.
- **Safeguarding:** Live-streaming or recording in classrooms, corridors, or school halls can inadvertently expose sensitive or identifying information about children.
- **Data Protection:** Such recordings can constitute a breach of UK GDPR and the Data Protection Act 2018.

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Our approach:

To ensure our school remains a safe, secure, and private space for everyone, the use of smart glasses is not permitted on school grounds by pupils, parents, visitors, or staff.

We kindly ask for your active support in implementing this measure:

- **For Parents and Visitors:** If you are wearing smart glasses, please ensure they are removed and stored away before entering the school gates, attending school events, or participating in meetings with staff.
- **For Pupils:** Please discuss this update with your child. If a pupil brings smart glasses onto the school site, the device will be safely confiscated and stored securely in the school office until it can be collected by a parent or guardian.

Thank you for working in partnership with us to embrace technology responsibly while protecting the privacy, dignity, and wellbeing of everyone in our school community.

Kind regards

Leighton Middle School

