



Whitburn Church of England Academy

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Re Mobile Telecommunications Mast

Dear Parent/Carer

We have been approached by the provider of a Mobile Telecommunications Provider to install a mast on the roof of the Sixth Form Centre. This mast will significantly improve the signal for Vodafone and O2 users. Signals in this area are relatively weak and by allowing this we are helping the local community.

No objections were received when planning permission was consulted and agreed upon so Governors voted unanimously to allow this to go ahead.

I am aware that in the past some concerns were raised in terms of the possible health impacts of mobile phones and transmitters. However the World Health Organisation stated that "a large number of studies have been performed over the last two decades to assess whether mobile phones pose a potential health risk. To date, no adverse health effects have been established as being caused by mobile phone use". In addition, the NHS information leaflet (attached) makes it clear that the level of radio waves from a communication mast is actually lower than from individual handsets.

An added benefit is that the Academy will receive a sum of money equivalent to the salary of an experienced teacher, an added bonus in these difficult financial times.

Many schools and hospitals nationally now have mobile masts on their sites. We contacted a number of schools who have had masts on their sites for a number of years and all reported no issues.

If you have any further queries regarding the mast please do not hesitate to contact me through the Main Academy Office.

Yours faithfully

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