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Mobile Phones

Dear Parent / Carers

We wanted to take this opportunity to remind you of our mobile phone policy. We know that our pupils do best when our big messages, rules and policies are supported and reinforced by you at home.

We understand that mobile phones and technology are now a key part of modern life. Many of our pupils own a mobile phone with access to the internet, and for entertainment, self-regulation or safety reasons they may bring a mobile phone to school. However, mobile phones can lead to several problems in school such as bullying, filming, disruption to lessons and inappropriate usage of the internet and social media leading to potential safeguarding issues.

The Mobile Phone Policy which is on the School website states *'Pupils often use mobile phones for self-regulation and entertainment on their journey to and from school, however, within the whole school environment, with children of different ages, this is not appropriate.'*

It is expected that pupils will hand in their mobile devices at the school gate and that these will be stored securely in the school office, pupils can collect their devices at the end of the school day.

Post 16 pupils will be expected to hand in their phones to be locked away for school based activities but will have access to them when out in the community. This is to encourage independence.

At no point should a pupil take a photo or video of another pupil on their phone when at school. This policy links directly with the behaviour policy and consequences for non-adherence will be enforced.'

If a child refuses to hand in their mobile phone we will contact you as parent carers in the first instance. You may be asked to come in to collect the device if they continue to refuse to hand it in. If this is repeated on a number of occasions we will ask that the phone is not brought into school at all.

We will explain this in school, but if you could also have this conversation with your child to re-inforce the message this week that would be greatly appreciated.

Thank you as always for your support,

Ben Homer

