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### Mobile Phones Update

Dear Parent / Carers

Despite our letter sent out in November regarding mobile phone use, we are unfortunately still witnessing some pupils using mobile phones within the school day.

Our 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.'*

*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.'*

Therefore, as of tomorrow, we will now be strictly enforcing the following:

Parent carers will have to collect their child's phone if they use it during the school day as this is a serious safeguarding issue. Further to this, pupils will be excluded if they do not adhere to these safeguarding rules. We are taking these very serious steps as the pupils are not able to use their devices safely and these are causing us problems both in and out of school. If this is repeated on a number of occasions we will insist that the phone is not brought into school at all.

We will explain this to the children in school both tomorrow morning and on the return to school in January, but if you could also have this conversation with your child to re-inforce the message at home that would be greatly appreciated.

Thank you as always for your support,

Yours sincerely

*Ben Homer*

Assistant Headteacher Secondary

