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Dear Parents and Carers,

Further information on mobile phones will be included in our revised behaviour policy that will be published in September. In readiness for the new academic year it is imperative that you are aware of the school's stance. From September 2026 mobile phones must **NEVER be used, seen or heard** on school premises. This is in line with statutory guidance from the Department for Education that came in to effect recently.

- Pupils are not allowed to have mobile phones out on the school premises
- Pupils must turn their phones off before entering school premises
- Mobile phones seen on the school premises WILL be confiscated
- A sanction, in line with the school behaviour policy will be given. Should incidents repeat, sanctions will escalate in line with the behaviour policy
- The school reserves the right to instruct students to hand in their mobile phone
- Confiscated mobile phones will be returned at the discretion of Head of Year/Senior Staff
- In some circumstances, a confiscated mobile phone will only be returned to parents/carers
- School does not accept any responsibility for the loss or theft of any mobile device

The Department for Education are very clear about the role that you as parents/carers have and we ask that you take note of the information below-

Parents have an important role in supporting the school's policy on prohibiting the use of mobile phones and should be encouraged to reinforce and discuss the policy at home as appropriate, including the risks associated with mobile phone use and the benefits of a mobile phone free environment.

If in the event of an emergency and you need to contact your child during the school day, you must contact the school, and a member of staff will assist you.

Please do not contact your child on their mobile phone during the school day or ask your child to contact you.

Sixth Form Students

Students in the sixth form are permitted access to their mobile phone in the common room and study centres only. This reasonable adjustment reflects the period of education that they are at as one of increased responsibility and independence, without compromising the school's use of mobile phones for students in other year groups. Sixth form students should not use their mobile phones in any other areas of the school, and they remain subject to the school's behaviour policy as detailed above.

Yours faithfully,

Mr D Hearnden

Interim Principal