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Dear Parents and Carers,

In response to the recent media coverage regarding the use of mobile phones in schools, I would like to take this opportunity to remind you of the [Academy's policy](#).

Our Academy has been a mobile-free site since 2019, and your understanding of the following expectations will help us to work in partnership to minimise distractions, ensure student safety, and maintain a focus on learning. Students are regularly reminded of the expectations outlined below and we appreciate your support in reinforcing this with your child.

1. We are a "Mobile-Free" Site

- On entry to the Academy, your child's phone **must be switched off** and kept at the **bottom of their bags or placed in their locker**. This also includes smartwatches and other electrical devices such as headphones. **Placing these devices in their pockets is not acceptable.**
- Students can use their phone for medical reasons **if stipulated in their care plan.**

2. Parental Communication:

- To support us in maintaining a mobile-free site, **please do not phone or message your child** during the school day. Instead, please contact the school office for any urgent matters.
- Should your child wish to contact you, they should speak with their key adult or a member of the pastoral team
- In line with our policy, **electronic devices will be confiscated** if the Academy has evidence that such communication has taken place during the school day.

3. Consequences:

- If a mobile or electrical device **is seen or heard**, regardless of whether it is being used, it will be confiscated and returned at 3:20pm. If your child is in Year 11, it will be returned at 3:50pm on Tuesday-Friday.
- Persistent misuse may result in your child needing to keep their phone at home or being required to hand it in at the start of each day.

4. Encouragement to Keep Phones at Home:

- Whilst we understand that students may need to carry a phone to ensure their personal safety to and from the Academy, we do encourage parents to keep their child's phone at home if they are not required.

Thank you for your understanding and continued partnership.

Yours sincerely,

Mr Adrian Esch
Principal



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