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Dear Parent / Guardian

Mobile Phones

You will be aware of the mobile phone policy changes at school following the communication sent out on Friday 12 September 2025. This was regarding changes to the procedures when a student is found using a mobile phone, on the school site, during the school day.

Moving forward, and following the February break, expectations regarding mobile phones will be further tightened following recent government guidance.

These expectations reflect [Guidance](#) issued by the government, which will come into effect from 1 April 2026.

This guidance is intended to remove ambiguity and support firm, confident leadership. It makes clear that schools should not only have robust policies in place, but also ensure that these policies are applied consistently, across all classes, at all times. We also ask for parents' support in reinforcing these expectations. This represents a clear national reset on mobile phone use in schools.

To reinforce the importance of effective implementation, Ofsted will, for the first time, examine both schools' mobile phone policies and how consistently they are applied when judging behaviour during inspections.

We will continue to expect that mobile phones are not seen at any point during the school day, and that they are switched off and always kept in students' school bags. Additionally, mobile phones will not be permitted in lessons under any circumstances and staff will be instructed not to ask students to use phones in their lessons.

While we recognise the safeguarding benefits of students having access to a mobile phone when travelling to and from school, or for contacting home following fixtures and events, we now expect that there are no visible mobile phones during the school day, at any point.

We strongly believe that these measures will enable our students to thrive. Removing mobile phones from the school day supports improved focus in lessons, calmer social spaces, stronger friendships and enhanced wellbeing. Students themselves report feeling



less pressure without constant online distractions, and global research supports this: reduced screen time in school leads to better learning, improved behaviour and a more positive and engaged school experience. These tighter restrictions are intended to give our young people the opportunity to concentrate, connect and feel supported throughout the school day.

Should your child need to contact home in an emergency, they should report to reception, where they will be able to use the school telephone.

Thank you for your continued support and cooperation.

Yours Sincerely



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