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Dear Parent/Carer

We are writing to inform you of upcoming changes to our mobile phone expectations in school. These changes follow new government guidance, which requires all schools to adopt tighter rules around mobile phone use. Some schools are now choosing to ban phones entirely from their site, collecting them at the start of the day and then returning them at the end of the day or using lockable pouches.

We are proud that our pupils consistently demonstrate maturity in how they follow our current rules. It is rare that we need to confiscate a phone, and we do not feel that more extreme measures are necessary at this time. However, we must make some adjustments to ensure we meet the new national requirements.

When pupils return to school in September the following rules will apply:

**Mobile Phone Expectations**

- Phones must not be seen, heard, or powered on anywhere on the school site.
- Phones must be switched off and placed in bags before entering the school gates. Any phone found to be powered on, even if it is in a pupil's bag will be confiscated.
- Phones must remain off until pupils leave the site, including during after-school clubs, detentions, or any other on-site activity. Parents/Carers will need to check Class Charts to see if a pupil has a detention.
- This means that phones and headphones are banned from gate to gate.
- These rules will now also apply to smart watches.

**Confiscation Procedures**

- First confiscation: Pupil collects phone from the office at the end of the day.
- Second confiscation: A parent/carers must collect the phone; office staff will contact you, when this is required.
- Third confiscation: The pupil must hand their phone in each morning on arrival for a four-week period. Heads of Year or SLT may extend this time for repeat or serious issues.
- Any inappropriate use, including filming or use within lessons, will automatically result in a four-week hand in period.
- Confiscation stages will reset each term and not each half term.

Headteacher: Mr Neil Jones



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### **Additional Information**

- We will make reasonable allowances for pupils with medical needs, such as diabetes.
- Pupils may not use phones for checking timetables, checking the time, or texting home when unwell. Guidelines means that phones need to be powered off from gate to gate and not used at all on school site. If pupils have to contact home, they will need to use a landline phone in a pastoral office.
- Pupils can't use phones after school to inform parents / carers they have a detention. Parents / carers will need to check Class Charts
- If a phone is found powered on, even if not in use, it will count as a confiscation.
- Pupils waiting on rainbow chairs for medical appointments must not use their phones; parents / carers will need to come onto site to collect them.
- The ban also applies to headphones and smart watches. If a Pupil is seen with headphones in, both the headphones and the phone will be confiscated.

### **How Parents Can Support**

Please discuss these changes with your child and avoid texting them during the school day. If you need to pass on a message, please contact the school office. If a pupil needs to contact home, they should speak to the pastoral team, who will support them in using a school phone. Parents/Carers should also check the Class Charts app to see if their child has a detention that night.

We appreciate your support as we implement these changes in line with government expectations. Our aim is to maintain a calm, focused learning environment while continuing to trust our pupils to act responsibly.

Yours faithfully,

Mr Chesterman  
Deputy Head with responsibility for Attainment and Standards