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Dear Parents and Families,

New School Rule: NO PHONES – September 2026

We are writing to tell you about an important new rule for our school.

From September 2026, students will NOT be allowed to use mobile phones at any time during the school day.

This means:

- NO phones in lessons
- NO phones between lessons
- NO phones at breaktime
- NO phones at lunchtime

This follows guidance from the Department for Education, which says that students should not have access to their phones during the school day. With the announced ban on social media use for under-16s from Spring 2027, there may be increasing pressures on schools to ensure that students are supported in developing safe and positive habits around technology use. We therefore ask for your full support in implementing this important policy.

Why are we doing this?

We want our school to be:

- Calm
- Focused
- Safe
- Friendly

Removing phones will help students:

- Concentrate better in lessons
- Talk and play together face-to-face
- Stay safe from online problems during the day



What will happen each day?

When students arrive, they will put their phone into a locked locker in their tutor room

The locker will be secure and fixed to the wall

Phones will stay locked away all day

At the end of the day, students will have 10 minutes in tutor time to collect their phone safely

The timings of the school day will not change – 8.40am – 3.10pm

If you need to contact your child

We understand that families may need to get in touch.

- Email to your year team will be the first way to contact the school
- Each year team will have a specific phone number for emergencies
- If a student needs to leave for an appointment, we will give them their phone at the right time

Sanctions (Consequences)

It is very important that all students follow this rule.

- If a phone is seen during the day, it will be taken straight away
- The phone must then be collected after 3:10pm by a named adult on the school system
- The student will also receive a 1-hour detention
- If a phone is seen and the student refuses to hand it over:
 - The student will be suspended for 1 day
 - There will be a phone conversation with parents/carers
 - The student will be checked (wanded) on entry to school

Our goal

This rule will help us:

- Improve learning
- Build stronger friendships
- Reduce distractions

Thank you for your support in helping us create a happy and focused school for everyone.

Warm regards,



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