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Dear Parent/Carer,

With growing concerns about the impact of smartphones and smart technology on children's lives, this year we updated our procedure on devices. Mobile phones and other web-enabled wearable devices are to be switched off and in students' bags from their arrival on school site until the 3.20pm bell.

Government Guidance

In January 2026, the Government published guidance which stated that, *"All schools should be mobile phone-free environments by default; anything other than this should be by exception only."* The passing of the Children's Wellbeing and School's Act 2026 gives this guidance the force of the law from 29th June 2026. This requirement applies to all mobile phones, whether web-enabled or not.

We have reviewed our procedures in light of these changes. From 1st September 2026, our mobile phone rule remains unchanged: it will be mandatory for mobile phones and any web-enabled wearable devices such as smartwatches to remain switched off in students' bags from the moment they enter school site until the 3.20pm bell, for all students in Years 7-11. Specific information for Sixth Form students is provided separately for Sixth Form students and their parents/carers.

Phones will be confiscated if seen anywhere other than in a bag **and parents/carers will be required to collect the mobile phone on any occasions of confiscation. Students will no longer be able to collect the phone themselves on the first occasion.** If there are repeated instances of confiscation, parents will be required to attend a meeting in school to prevent further concerns arising, and further sanctions may be implemented.

If you have cause to contact your child during school hours, please contact the College Office on 01926 812560. A message will be delivered to your child. If your child needs to contact you, they should visit the Student Office during breaktime or lunchtime only and ask for a text message to be sent or call to be made.

Thank you for your support in this matter. If you have any queries regarding this matter, please do not hesitate to contact me via the college office.

Yours sincerely,



Mrs M Browne
Designated Safeguarding Lead