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Dear Parents and Carers,

Happy New Year and welcome back to the new term at Foxwood. I hope the Christmas break provided an opportunity for rest and enjoyment amidst the festivities. As we begin another exciting term, I wanted to remind everyone about our approach to mobile technology and internet-enabled devices within the school.

Technology plays a vital role in our students' lives, whether as a tool for sensory input, a means of communication, or supporting independence during travel. Increasingly, we are seeing students bringing devices to school for use during their journey.

To ensure a focused and safe learning environment:

1. **Mobile Phones:** Students bringing mobile phones to school must switch them off and hand them to reception upon arrival. They will be securely stored and returned at the end of the day.
2. **Smartwatches:** While these are fantastic tools, they should not be used for messaging, receiving, or making calls during school hours.
3. **Special Circumstances:** In cases where a device is needed for work experience, travel training, or specific learning purposes, teachers will ensure that the appropriate technology is made available. We will reiterate these guidelines with students from Monday to ensure everyone is clear on expectations. As always, we appreciate your support in maintaining a positive, distraction-free environment for all.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding this policy, please do not hesitate to reach out to us. Wishing you and your families a successful and fulfilling start to 2025.

Kind Regards

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Headteacher