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Dear Parents, Relatives and Carers,

Mobile Phone Policy

From 29th June, new government expectations come into effect stating that "All schools should be mobile phone-free environments by default." This means schools are expected to ensure that "pupils do not have access to their mobile phones during the school day, including lessons, changeover times, breaktimes and lunchtime."

In line with this guidance, we will be updating our mobile phone policy. We are currently exploring a number of options to ensure we implement this change in a way that supports pupils' learning, wellbeing and safety. A more detailed outline of the revised policy, which will take effect from September 2026, will be shared with you shortly.

We recognise that many families value being able to contact their child during the day, particularly in relation to travel arrangements or emergencies. Please be reassured that pupils will always be able to contact home, and parents will be able to contact their child, via the school office where necessary. Safeguarding and pupil wellbeing remain our highest priorities.

From 29th June, our current policy will remain in place with the following expectations:

- Mobile phones must not be seen, heard or used on the school site at any time.
- If a phone is seen, heard or used it will be confiscated and returned to the pupil at the end of the day.

To reinforce the importance of these expectations, the following will apply:

- Pupils whose phone is confiscated will receive a lunchtime detention.
- Pupils who use their phone during the school day to communicate with others inside or outside of school will be subject to Progress Leader detention.
- Multiple offences will require parents to collect a confiscated phone.

As we move towards the updated policy in September, our aim is to create a calm, focused environment that supports learning and positive social interaction for all pupils. We appreciate your support as we implement these changes and will provide further details in due course.

Yours faithfully,

Mr M Symes
Headteacher