



Moat Community College

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Dear Parent/Carer,

I hope this letter finds you and your family well. As we approach the end of a busy school year, I would like to provide you with a few important updates:

### **HMC Food in School**

I have communicated with you several times in recent weeks regarding the food served in our dining rooms. Before the half-term holiday, we had a constructive meeting with parents to discuss these issues. I am pleased to confirm that all food served at Moat is now HMC certified.

A list of our suppliers is available at: [Moat School Policies and Procedures](#). These suppliers can be verified on the HMC website.

We are also planning additional actions, including a thorough check of all meat orders by senior staff members to ensure compliance with our policy. We will continue to keep you informed on this matter in the coming months. We want you to have complete confidence that the food we provide to our students is of high quality and Halal.

### **Mobile Phones in School**

The government recently issued guidance to all schools, mandating a ban on mobile phone use by students. This measure aims to address concerns regarding student mental health and distractions from learning.

In response to this guidance, our school will adopt a 'never seen or heard' policy concerning mobile phones on the school premises. Students will not be permitted to use their phones at any time or location while on school grounds or in the building. This policy will be implemented starting June 24th.

Students do not need to bring a phone to school. Should you need to contact your child, or should they need to contact you, this can be facilitated through the school office.

Our behaviour policy has been updated to reflect these new expectations. The relevant section of the behaviour policy is copied at the end of this letter.

Thank you for your support with this policy. We all recognize that phone use and social media can be detrimental to our students' well-being. This policy change will provide them with a much-needed break from their phones.

Please feel free to contact me at the school if you have any questions or concerns.





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**Extract from the College Behaviour Policy showing the new procedure around mobile phones which will be introduced in response to the DFE guidance on mobile phones.**

- Students do not need to use or access mobile phones during the school day at the college. If there is a need for contact with home, this can be done via the school office.
- If students do bring a mobile phone into school, it must be kept in their bags and switched off at all times: “never seen or heard.” This includes breaks, lunchtimes and outside the school building.
- If a student takes their phone out at any stage during the day the phone will be confiscated until the end of the day, parents will be informed and the student will be given a 30-minute detention.
- If a student does not comply with the confiscation immediately, then along with the 30-minute detention, parents will be contacted, and the college will keep the phone in the college’s safe for 3 working days.
- If a student continues to argue and refuses to hand over their phone, parents will be contacted, and the student will be externally excluded.

Yours sincerely,

*Mr B Killeen*

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