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Dear Parents/Guardians

Mobile Phones – Updated Expectations

Following my letter to you in May regarding mobile phone use in school, I am writing to provide a further update to our approach.

As you will be aware, there is a clear and strengthened national expectation from the Government that mobile phones should not be used during the school day. Since May, we have continued to review our procedures to ensure they are as effective, clear and manageable as possible for all members of our school community.

As a result, we are now evolving our approach further to support this national expectation and to make our systems even clearer and easier to follow for pupils, staff and families.

Therefore, from Monday, 6 July, all pupils will be required to store their mobile phones in their lockers at the start of the day.

This means that:

- Mobile phones must be placed in lockers before morning registration
- Phones must remain in lockers throughout the entire school day
- Phones should only be taken out at the end of the day, after their Learning for Life session with their form tutor

This strengthening of our approach ensures that mobile phones are fully "*off and out of sight*" for the whole school day, removing ambiguity and further supporting a calm, focused and safe learning environment.

What we need pupils to do this week

In preparation for this change, we ask that you please ensure your son/daughter:

- Has access to their locker
- Knows where their locker is
- Knows their locker code

If there are any issues with lockers or access, pupils should speak with their form tutor in the first instance, who will ensure support is provided.

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This updated approach:

- Removes any uncertainty around expectations
- Further reduces safeguarding risks
- Supports pupils' focus, concentration and wellbeing
- Aligns fully with the Government's strengthened position

As previously outlined, if a pupil needs to contact home during the school day, they should do so via Reception or the Pastoral Office. Likewise, we ask that parents continue to contact the school directly where necessary, rather than contacting pupils on their mobile phones during the day.

Our message remains simple and consistent: ***"Off and out of sight – always."***

By strengthening our approach in this way, we are continuing to prioritise a safe, calm and purposeful environment in which all pupils can thrive.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support.

Yours faithfully



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Principal