



# St Edmund Arrowsmith Catholic High School

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Dear Parent or Carer

## **Re: Mobile phones**

After several incidents of pupils contacting parents using their mobile phones during the school day, I would like to clarify our expectations.

I would prefer it if pupils did not bring their mobile phone into school at all, it is against the school rules and as most smartphones now cost hundreds of pounds it can be very costly for parents if they are damaged, lost or stolen.

However, I do understand that many parents would like their child to have their mobile phone with them when they are returning home from school to check that they are safe. Therefore, I am asking for your support to send the very clear message to your child that they should not have their mobile phone switched on whilst they are in school unless given explicit permission to do so by their teacher.

Also, they must never contact you via their mobile phone during the school day. If they do feel the need to contact you, they must go to our Pupil Services Office who will contact you on their behalf. If you do need to contact your child with an urgent message, please use school reception who will pass it on. I ask that you support the school by reinforcing this message to your child. Any pupil found using their mobile phone during the school day will have it temporarily confiscated until parents/carers call into school to pick it up.

The unmonitored use of mobile phones during the school day can be a terrible distraction for our pupils who should be concentrating on the topics being taught. Please reinforce this message to your child at home this week.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours faithfully

**M J DUMICAN**  
Headteacher

