



THE WESTLEIGH SCHOOL
Aspiring & Achieving Together

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Dear parent/carers

Thank you for your support again since returning for the new term.

This letter is to remind parents and carers of the basic standards and expectations in the school that we need your support with. I am pleased to say that well over 95% of pupils in all years are upholding these standards every day and, therefore, are accessing all of their learning during lessons.

I would like to remind all parents and carers of the expectations at the school in relation to mobile phones.

As you may be aware, government guidelines stress that mobiles are not permitted in a school environment as this can have a negative impact on learning during the school day. In addition to these guidelines, there are clear reasons why mobile phones are not permitted in school at The Westleigh School:

1. **Mobile phone addiction can cause mental health issues.**
2. **There is increasing concern regarding the role mobile phones play in the increasing amount of online bullying and child-on-child abuse.**
3. **Mobile phones reduce concentration and productivity in lessons.**

As a reminder our policy clearly states that mobile phones should not be used in school during the day. Our policy states: **See it, Hear it, Lose it.**

This is from the moment they step through the school gates, and this has been made very clear to students. They should be turned off on arrival to school in the morning and should be kept in bags (not pockets), turned off, until the end of the school day.

Phones will be confiscated if they are being used in school. Furthermore, repeat incidents will mean that and parents/carers will be asked to come into school to collect them.

I know that as supportive parents and carers you will continue to ensure that our high expectations are maintained in terms of the rules around mobile phones. This will enable us to ensure your child receives a high-quality education to support them in their adult life.

Yours faithfully

Carlton Bramwell
Headteacher