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Prohibition of the use of Mobile Phone and smart devices

As you may be aware, the Government has announced a ban on mobile phones in schools from September 2026. This means that pupils will not be permitted to use mobile phones or any similar smart devices while at school.

We already have a robust and effective policy in place that prohibits the use of mobile phones and similar devices during the school day. This policy helps to ensure that our learning environment remains disruption-free, that pupils' attention is focused on their lessons rather than their devices, and that we continue to safeguard all members of our school community. I am always grateful to parents/carers for their support in applying this policy which I know is likewise appreciated by the overwhelming majority of pupils.

The negative effects of smart phones and other smart devices that encourage continuous scrolling, instant gratification, and constant digital engagement are well documented. We are committed to our pupils developing healthy habits around technology use and to maximise the time they spend engaged in learning, social interaction, and personal development.

To support families and pupils in adapting to the new ban on mobile and smart devices, and to reinforce our existing smart devices strategy, this week all pupils will have an assembly to remind them of our expectations regarding mobile phones and smart devices, this will be reinforced during our return-to-school assemblies. Pupils will be reminded of the school's policy and the reasons behind it.

From September 2026, if a pupil is found using a mobile phone, smartwatch, or any similar device during the school day, or if the device is seen or heard, or we are satisfied that it has been used during the school day, the device will be confiscated immediately and the appropriate sanction will be applied in accordance with our Behaviour Policy.

The pupil will then be issued with a lockable pouch and required to place the device inside. The pouch will remain locked throughout the school day and will be unlocked at the end of the day, allowing the pupil to retrieve their device before leaving school.

This sanction will be applied for one term in the first instance. Any refusal to comply will be dealt with in line with our Behaviour Policy.

The pouch remains the property of the Academy and, if it is tampered with or damaged, parents will be asked to pay for a replacement. In addition, the pupil will receive a more serious sanction.



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Reception is open between 8.00 am and 4.00 pm, and any communication with pupils during the school day must be made through a telephone call to Reception or an email to our Enquiries email address.

We hope that this deterrent will be sufficient to ensure that all pupils comply with the Academy's expectations regarding mobile phones and smart devices.

However, we will closely monitor and evaluate the number of confiscations and incidents involving these devices. Should it become necessary, we may roll out the lockable pouches to all pupils.

As always, thank you for your continued support and partnership. I know that as a parent, you would like your child to learn in a classroom free from disruptions and issues related to the use of smart devices. By working together, we can ensure that our children benefit from a safe, focused, and productive learning environment.

Kind regards



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