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Dear Parent/Carer

Mobile Phone Use

Today, I held a whole school assembly for Years 7 to 10 regarding the use of mobile phones and the impact of social media. Following this assembly, I wanted to take this opportunity to write to you to reinforce our expectations and ensure total clarity regarding our mobile phone policy (which you can view on the [‘Policies’ page](#) of our website).

The key points of this policy are as follows:

- Pupils are not permitted to use their mobile phones during the school day or on the school site. (This includes during lessons, in the time between lessons, at breaktimes and at lunchtimes, before/after school.)
- Should a parent/carer wish for their child to bring a mobile phone into school it should be switched off before the pupil enters the school via the gate, and carried out of sight in the pupil’s school bag. The pupil should immediately hand their mobile phone to their form tutor (during registration) who will lock it away securely for the remainder of the school day (in the tutor base). If a pupil is late to school their mobile phone should immediately be handed to staff in the welfare room (where pupils register) who will lock it away securely for the remainder of the school day (in the welfare room).
- Pupils bringing a mobile phone to school must ensure that the phone has an appropriate protective cover and is appropriately labelled with their full name and tutor group.
- If a pupil is found using their mobile phone (this includes the device ringing, vibrating or making sounds to notify the user of alerts etc.) it will be confiscated, locked away securely, the misuse logged on Class Charts and a 60-minute detention set for the same day. Failure to adhere to the mobile phone policy may also lead to a further sanction such as a 90-minute detention, internal exclusion and/or a fixed term suspension

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DfE National Consultation: Growing up in the online world

In addition to the reminders regarding our mobile phone policy, I would like to encourage both you and your child to participate in the DfE [National Consultation: Growing up in the online world](#) which closes on 26 May 2026.

This consultation is a significant opportunity to influence how digital technology is regulated for young people. It will consider several key measures, including:

- setting a minimum age for children to access social media - and what age would be right
- restricting risky functionalities and design features that encourage excessive use, such as infinite scrolling and autoplay
- whether the digital age of consent should be raised
- how age verification and age assurance technologies can support effective implementation
- whether the guidance on the use of mobile phones in schools should be put on a statutory footing
- better support for parents, including clearer guidance and simpler parental controls

Your voice is vital in shaping future safeguards. Thank you for your continued support in maintaining an environment in which all of our young people are focussed and ready to learn.

Yours sincerely

Ms Kelly
Head of School