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JB/CB

Dear Parent/Carer

## **Mobile Phone Sanctions System**

As you will have seen in the news recently, it is the government's aim to manage children's use of social media and mobile phones in schools and in society more effectively. At the moment, it is for headteachers to decide how best this is done.

I wrote to you recently with a reminder about our current rule in school. This has remained unchanged for a number of years. Mobile phones are not allowed to be used or seen. Your child does not need their mobile phone when in school. Should you choose for your child to have them on their person, we respect this and require them to be switched off and in their bags.

We recognise that the move to secondary school often ties in with decisions made in families for young people to own a mobile phone. Often the move to secondary school is the first time your child may be travelling further on their own on public transport or other and having a mobile phone on them offers you and your child that further assurance. It is also about them developing their own independence which you want for them as parents as we do too.

However, as the adults around your child in our home to school partnership, all of us also recognise the negative issues that come with having continued access to a mobile phone if controls are not in place, from the constant draw of it being a distraction to bullying and access to illegal content.

As we have not been able to continue with the afternoon form time structure to return handed in phones to every student, we are re-introducing our staged sanctions approach related to our confiscation of any seen phones. This is:

- **First offence**- returned to student at the end of the day
- **Second offence** – returned to parent at the end of the day
- **Third offence** – parent and child meeting with Principal or Deputy Principal, signed Agreed Behaviour Contract for no mobile phone on their person whilst in school

This only works with your support and that remains the case for all behaviour related procedures in school. Our mobile phone procedure forms part of our behaviour systems and as such repeated failure to follow them constitutes persistent defiance and in line with government guidance to school this is viewed as unacceptable behaviour which undermines and puts at risk the learning culture of the school:

'Good behaviour in schools is essential to ensure that all pupils benefit from the opportunities provided by education. The government recognises that school exclusions, managed moves and off-site direction are essential behaviour management tools for headteachers and can be used to establish high standards of behaviour in schools and maintain the safety of school communities' (DFE guidance to schools)

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This week year group assemblies have reminded students about this rule and explained the sanction system as well as why the rule exists. All staff and students are aware that this is being fully operated from next week. This letter to you outlines the three stages of opportunity to correct behaviours that do not follow the rule so you can have the conversation with your child to ensure they are ready to respect it and follow it.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Mr Bates', written in a cursive style.

Mr Bates  
Principal