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Dear Parents and Carers,

RE: Mobile Phones in School – Updated Expectations from September 2026

From September 2026, the Department for Education's new statutory guidance on mobile phones in schools comes into effect. The guidance expects schools to maintain a mobile phone-free environment throughout the school day to support pupils' learning, wellbeing and positive social interaction.

Whilst Sixth Form students are permitted to use their phone in certain spaces in the school as outlined below, it is essential that they follow the school policy in all other respects. Sixth Form students act as role models to those in Years 7-11, and have a vital role to play in maintaining our mobile phone-free environment.

Sixth Form students may use their mobile phones in the Common Room, upstairs Study Space and in the designated seating area in front of the building next to the bike sheds. They must ensure their mobile phones are not seen or heard in the rest of the school building, when entering and leaving school, in lesson, or in the Sixth Form space on the back yard because this space is next to that used by younger students.

To ensure that phones remain out of sight, students **must not carry their phones in their pockets**. Sixth Form students should store phones securely in a bag when leaving the Sixth Form Centre, or leave them in the Sixth Form Office. This includes lesson time, movement around the school, breaktimes, lunchtimes and at end of the school day in the school building.

As part of this policy, the school will continue to confiscate any mobile phone that is seen during the school day. This includes phones that are visible because they are being carried in a student's pocket. Any confiscated phone will be stored in the Sixth Form Office until the end of the school day.

Students have already been prepared for this change through our weekly briefing, where I have explained the updated expectations, the reasons behind them and how the policy will operate from September. The aim of this approach is to minimise distractions, promote positive relationships, and ensure that all students can focus fully on their learning and school life without the interruptions that mobile phones can bring.

We appreciate that your support is essential in helping us implement this change successfully. We would be grateful if you could help reinforce these expectations before the start of the new term. Thank you for your continued support in helping us maintain a positive and focused learning environment for all our students.

Yours sincerely,

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