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Dear Parents and Carers,

Mobile phones in schools

Bridget Phillipson, the Secretary of State for Education, recently wrote to all headteachers setting out a 'clear national position' on mobile phones in schools.

The letter read:

'All schools should be phone-free environments for the entire school day'

'That includes lessons, time between lessons, breaktimes and lunchtime'

'It is not appropriate for phones to be used as calculators, or for research during lessons'

The letter also stated that this was to help students focus, feel safe and succeed.

Consequently, I am writing to inform you that the school must become a phone free environment for students. This will commence after the summer half term break on Monday 1 June and apply from 8.30am until 3.00pm.

Exceptions will be made for students who use their phone to actively monitor a diagnosed medical condition. We recognise that, due to the semi-rural location of our school, some parents and carers may wish their child to have a mobile phone when travelling to and from school. To support this, we will offer the option of storing a device securely during the school day.

Occasionally, families need to contact each other during the school day, and our current system will remain unchanged – parents and carers can contact School Reception and students can contact home from Student Services.

We recognise this will be a significant change for some students. The changes will be explained in assemblies and through the student bulletin, but we encourage you to discuss the changes with them too. Before the end of term, we will ask students, parents and carers to complete surveys to determine your views on the change.

Thank you for your support.

Yours faithfully,

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