

Subject: Important Notice Regarding Mobile Phone Policy Change

29th February 2024

Dear Parents and Guardians,

I am writing to inform you of an important update to our school's mobile phone policy for Year 10 and Year 11 students. After careful consideration and in alignment with recent [government guidelines](#) and the [updated Keeping Children Safe in Education document](#), we will be implementing a mobile phone ban for these year groups from next week.

We understand that this represents a significant change, and we want to explain the reasons behind this decision:

- **Improved Focus and Learning:** Research shows that mobile phones can be a significant distraction in the classroom. By removing this source of distraction, we aim to create a more focused and productive learning environment for our students.
- **Reduced Cyberbullying and Online Risks:** Mobile phones can unfortunately contribute to incidents of cyberbullying and exposure to inappropriate content. This policy change aims to minimise these risks and enhance student safety.
- **Promoting Social Interaction:** We want to encourage students to engage in face-to-face interactions with their peers and teachers, fostering a stronger sense of community within the school environment.

How the Policy Will Work:

- Starting Monday 4th March, Year 10 and Year 11 students will be required to switch off their mobile phones and keep them out of sight during the entirety of the school day.
- **Phones will no longer be able to be used on the school site during break and lunch times.**
- In case of emergencies, parents can contact the school office, and the message will be promptly relayed to the student.

We recognise that this change may require some adjustment. We are committed to supporting our students throughout this transition. Teachers and staff will be available to address any concerns and help students adapt to the new policy.





We appreciate your understanding and cooperation in creating a learning environment that prioritises student well-being, focus, and safety. Should you have any questions or require further information, please do not hesitate to contact the school office.

Sincerely,

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