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Dear Parent/Carer

The school recognises that mobile phones and digital devices are an integral part of young peoples' lives and that they can have considerable value in relation to safety and enhanced learning.

There may be instances where teachers wish to utilise mobile phone technology to aid teaching and learning at relevant moments of study. However, mobile phones can also have a hugely detrimental effect on the focus, concentration and the engagement of young people. This can then seriously affect their learning.

Please see below our rules regarding mobile phones:

Should you agree for your child to carry a mobile phone to school they must be clear on the following rules and sanctions:-

- The mobile phone is the responsibility of the individual and the school will not be liable for any lost, stolen or damaged items.
- Mobile phones must be switched off throughout the school day (including break and lunchtime) and kept in a safe place.
- Mobile phones are only permitted during lessons if the class are invited to use their phones for a specific task that relates to their learning.
- A mobile phone being used during the school day without permission risks being confiscated. If this becomes a recurrent problem the mobile phone will need to be collected by parents/carers at the end of the school day, from reception. Persistent disregard for this rule may lead to further, more severe sanctions.
- Use of mobile phones to engage in cyber bullying is not tolerated and may result in the phone being passed to the police.
- In the case of illness or an emergency pupils should go through the correct channels and parents/carers will be contacted by a member of staff e.g Head of Year, First Aid.
- If a pupil is "included" (removed from lessons) for a day then their mobile phone will be confiscated and placed in the school safe until the end of the school day.

We hope very much we will have your continued support in this matter.

Yours sincerely

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Head teacher