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Dear Parents and Carers

Keeping Children Safe in Education

With effect from Tuesday 15th May children will not be allowed to have mobile phones in school.

While we understand that many young people rely on their phones for music, games and many more activities it is not appropriate that they are brought into school.

If your child travels by taxi and requires their phone on the journey to and from school, it should be placed in the taxi box on arrival and collected at the end of the day. If you transport your child then the phone should be passed to you before they leave the vehicle.

If a child is seen using a mobile phone during the school day it will be confiscated by staff, on the first occasion it will then be returned to the pupil that evening but if there is a recurrence it will only be returned to a responsible adult collecting it from school.

We have reached the decision to ban mobile phones for a number of reasons:

- Children may pass their mobile phone number to others, without the knowledge of parents or school.
- Phones can be used, inappropriately, to take photographs or make recordings.
- Phones can be used for cyber bullying.
- Children do not need to use their phones during the school day.
- We have a duty to do everything that we can to keep children safe

I also enclose a leaflet for you regarding child online safety.

Please do not hesitate to contact school if you have any queries about this.

Yours sincerely

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