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Dear Parents & Carers

Thank you for your feedback around mobile phones following our request for this earlier in the year. Based on this, there will be a **total ban on the use of all Electronic Devices** during the school day. If a phone or headphones are seen between 8.30am and 3.00pm during a lesson they will be placed on the teacher's desk and returned at the end of the lesson. Should they be seen for a second time during the day **or** at social times, they will be confiscated and placed safely in reception where students can collect them at the end of the school day.

Research tells us that schools that have banned the use of mobile phones are seeing a significant rise in outcomes, improved mental health and social interaction skills. This for us gives a strong rationale for banning their use. We therefore ask that, if you give your child permission to bring a mobile phone into school, you remind them of the rules of the Academy.

May I also take this opportunity to remind you that, if your child has been given permission to bring a mobile phone into school, they do so at their own risk. The school will not accept liability for lost, damaged or stolen phones.

Please also see the attached resources you may find useful in managing your child's mobile phone use.

Please see below for some Questions and Answers you may find useful.

What is the school's policy on mobile phones?
Mobile phones are not permitted on site between 8:30am and 3pm
What if I need to contact my child at school?
In an emergency phone the CAB on 0117 941 3800 and the message will be passed to them.
What if my child feels that they urgently need to contact me?
There are rare occasions whereby you may need to speak with your child for emergency reasons, if this is the case, please contact the academy via the main number and we will endeavour to pass on messages. If we feel that your child needs to speak with you, we will provide a private space using an academy phone to contact you.
I am concerned about my child's phone being confiscated. How can I help them avoid this?
Encourage your child to get into a strict routine of turning their phone off as they approach the school. It should then be placed out of sight. Your child is in control of their phone, and they need to be responsible for following the guidelines.

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What about my child accessing their timetable on their phone?
This should be checked at home, when the student is preparing for the school day ahead. Students should have a copy of their timetable in their bags. We would recommend that you have one timetable on display at home and that you help them organise themselves to ensure they are planned for the day ahead.
What will happen if my child refuses to hand in their phone?
If this happens, your child will be sent to the Reflection Room until the phone is handed in
How will I know if my child has had their phone confiscated?
You will receive a notification on the BROMOCOM app as well as a text message.
Why are students not allowed to use their devices at social times?
We want our students to interact with each other at social times and be present with each other. We believe maintaining our expectations at social times will ensure clarity for students.

Best wishes,



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