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Dear Parent or Carer and Student,

RE: Mobile Phone Expectations – Information for Sixth Form Students

The Government has recently strengthened its guidance on mobile phone use in schools and has made it clear that schools should be phone-free environments throughout the entire school day

What does the Government guidance say about Sixth Form students?

'Schools should consider whether students in the sixth form should be permitted access to their mobile phone at certain and limited times and locations, reflecting this period of education as one of increased independence and responsibility, without compromising the school's policy on the use of mobile phones for other pupils. This should include prohibiting the use of mobile phones by sixth-form students in front of younger pupils, for example, limiting use to a sixth-form common room'.

Sixth Form students are expected to continue acting as positive role models for younger students and to follow any mobile phone expectations set out specifically for the Sixth Form. We will be asking that students do not use their phones in corridors and around the site, but they will be permitted to do so in Sixth Form areas (i.e. Common Room, café etc).

Our guidance around phones in Sixth Form lessons has not changed. They should not be used or visible, unless specifically directed by teachers for an educational purpose.

While the national guidance recognises that post-16 settings may have different arrangements, the key principle remains that any use of mobile devices should support learning and not disrupt the educational environment.

We would like to thank students, parents and carers for their understanding, cooperation and support. The success of this approach relies on us working together to create an environment where all young people can learn, thrive and achieve their very best.

Yours faithfully,



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