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Dear Parent/Carer,

## Re: Mobile Phone Approach

As with all our policies and approaches, we review them regularly to ensure we respond to live issues and continually improve as a school. We have been reviewing our approach to managing mobile phone usage in school and will be making some changes from September 2025.

In February 2024, the DfE provided guidance to schools on the issues surrounding phone usage and suggested approaches. The headlines from this guidance highlight several facts;

- By the age of 12, 97% of children own a mobile phone.
- 93% of children 12-15 years old use social media and messaging apps.
- 29% of secondary schools reported phone usage without permission in most lessons.
- Mobile phone usage leads to distraction and disruption and can exacerbate misbehaviour and bullying.
- One in five children have experienced bullying online.

As you are aware, we currently have a 'no phones to be seen or heard in school' policy and if students are in contravention of this rule, their phone is confiscated, and parents may collect it at the end of the day. We feel this has not become enough of a deterrent for students as usage in school has been increasing. As a result, the adapted approach will be as follows;

- 'No phones seen or heard on school site'.
- Phones must be turned off during the day.
- Phones must be in bags or lockers during the day - not in their pockets.

If a student is found to have broken one of these rules, the sanctions will escalate to the following:

- 1<sup>st</sup> confiscation = collection at end of next school day.
- 2<sup>nd</sup> confiscation = collection at end of school week.
- 3<sup>rd</sup> confiscation = collection at end of next school week.

We would appreciate if you discussed this with your child and support us by refraining from contacting your child on their mobile during the school day. Any contact can be made via reception. Thank you for your continued support in working with us to promote student wellbeing and safety.

Yours sincerely,





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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "M Williams", with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

M Williams  
Director of Learning.