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Dear Parent/Carer

Review of mobile phones and personal device expectations

Further to my previous letter to you, dated the 2 March 2026, regarding the Department for Education's guidance on mobile phones in schools, I am writing to inform you that the School has now completed a review of its approach to mobile phones and other personal electronic devices.

As part of this review, we have carefully considered the latest DfE expectations alongside our ongoing commitment to providing a calm, purposeful and safe learning environment. We have also shared the proposed changes with students and explained the rationale behind them, emphasising the importance of maximising learning time, reducing distractions, promoting positive social interaction and safeguarding all members of our School community.

Following this review, we will be piloting a revised mobile phone and personal device policy from Tuesday 7 July 2026, with the intention of implementing the policy fully from 1 September 2026, subject to the completion of the consultation and policy review process.

The proposed amendments form part of our Consistent Conduct Policy, which is currently under review for the new academic year. An extract of the relevant section is attached to this letter for your information.

Why are we making this change?

Whilst technology has many benefits, evidence continues to show that unrestricted access to mobile phones during the School day can:

- Distract students from learning
- Lead to unnecessary anxiety and friendship issues
- Create safeguarding concerns through photography, recording and online communication
- Reduce opportunities for face-to-face interaction during social times

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Our aim is to ensure an environment where students can focus fully on their learning, build positive relationships and enjoy their time in School without the distractions that personal devices can bring.

Working in partnership

The success of this policy will depend upon a strong partnership between home and School.

I would therefore ask for your support in reinforcing these expectations at home and ensuring that your child understands the School's position before the pilot begins. Consistency between parents, carers and staff is essential if we are to establish clear routines and expectations for all students.

We recognise that many families wish students to carry a mobile phone for travel and safety purposes. The revised policy does not prevent students from bringing a phone to School where parents and carers think this is necessary. However, students will be expected to comply fully with the School's rules regarding possession and use during the School day.

We will review the impact of the pilot carefully during the remainder of the academic year before the policy comes into full effect in September.

Thank you for your continued support and for working with us to ensure that our School remains a safe, respectful and purposeful place for all students to thrive, learn and succeed.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "L Gooden".

Linda Gooden
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