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Dear Parents/Carers

## Re: Mobile Phone Use

The use of mobile phones in schools is currently a major discussion point nationally. More and more research is demonstrating the negative impact of gaming and social media on the emotional and social development of adolescents. The increase in use of mobile phones, particularly social media, has also been strongly linked to the increase in poor mental health and mental illness.

Our approach to mobile phones can be found on Page 11 of our behaviour policy found ([Behaviour Policy](#)). Put simply, if students are using mobile phones during the school day without the permission of staff, they should be confiscated for the remainder of the day.

It has been my observation over my first few weeks at the school that too many students are using mobile phones when they shouldn't be. I have personally confiscated over 160. Interestingly, the main reasons for this use are:

- To check the time
- To check timetables
- To communicate with parents

There are also students watching videos, playing games, and using social media.

We are looking at ways to make it easier for students to check the time and find out their timetabled lesson. However, these reasons can be easily mitigated with a simple watch and better organisation.

From the communications I have received from parents, I know there is a growing desire amongst you for a stronger approach from the school. This is motivated by a desire to help protect our young people and help them focus on their learning. As a leadership team, we are actively reviewing our policy and potential next steps. Should we seek to make any changes, we will go through a consultation process with you as parents/carers.

For now, please can you remind your child of our school expectations. Your support in this matter is very much appreciated.

Yours faithfully

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Headteacher