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Dear Parents / Carers,

RE: Changes to Mobile Device Policy

Earlier this term I wrote to families to let you know of suggested changes to our device policy and asked families for feedback to the suggestions. Thank you to all families who took the time to respond and offer ideas and points of view.

Having considered family and staff feedback to the suggested changes, I can confirm that from September 2023 our Mobile Device Policy will change to include the following points:

- Students are strongly advised not to bring any mobile devices into school, the school cannot take responsibility for any lost or stolen devices.
- Where a student needs to bring a device to school, this will be locked in a form time locker (locked by their tutor) during morning registration and returned at the end of the day during afternoon registration.
- Students with medical exceptions will continue to be able to keep their phones with them during the day. Medical evidence will be required.
- In the case of lateness to school or a planned appointment, students will hand their phones to student services, they will be locked in a locker until the student signs out.

We have taken the decision to change our mobile device policy to safeguard all our students from incidents of misuse of social media and sharing of images during school time.

The loom assembly used to share changes to students can be found on our website for your information.

Thank you in advance for your support in protecting our young people from the misuse of devices.

Yours sincerely

J Smith

Mrs J Smith
Deputy Headteacher