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Dear Parent/Carer

Mobile Phone Update

I wanted to take a moment to update you on our mobile phone policy and clarify some important implementation details to ensure we maintain the positive momentum we've achieved.

We are really pleased with the new mobile phone policy and students have benefited tremendously from the time away from their phones. We have noticed a marked increase in students engaging with each other at break and lunch, along with a higher uptake of game playing and social interaction. The majority of students have shared that they are genuinely enjoying the break from their phones, which is wonderful to hear. We are very grateful for the parental support you have shown to this programme - it truly makes all the difference.

For us to continue with the successes we have made, we must continue to be consistent and ensure we implement the policy fully across all areas of school life. **So, to reiterate, no phones are allowed inside the school buildings at any time, unless they are securely stored in a locked pouch.** This includes before and after school hours.

To be absolutely clear on the key points:

- Once a student enters the building, if they have a phone out of a pouch it will be confiscated and not returned for 24 hours;
- The unlocking stations are available all evening, so students should not unlock their pouches until they are leaving the premises;
- If students unlock their pouches and then re-enter the building and are caught with their phone, we will confiscate the device;
- If a student breaks their pouch and does not advise us immediately, therefore still having access to their phone, this will result in a confiscation.

I know these guidelines may seem strict, but consistency is absolutely vital for the programme's continued success. The positive changes we are seeing in student wellbeing and social interaction are directly linked to our collective commitment to these boundaries.

Once again, we do appreciate your support with this programme and we are confident that it is already having a positive impact on school life and wellbeing.

Thank you for your continued partnership in creating the best possible environment for our students.

Yours faithfully

Mrs R Harrison
Headteacher



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