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Dear Parents/Carers

Mobile Phone Policy

I am writing to inform you of an important change to our school's mobile phone policy. At Harris we have become increasingly concerned about the negative impact on students' wellbeing and attainment linked to the use of mobile phones in our school. Therefore, we have decided to launch our new phone policy which will become live after **May half term (2 June 2025)**.

From after the May half-term, mobile phones will be banned for all students. Parents of students in years 7 to 10 who would like their child to continue to bring their phone to school have been asked to purchase a secure phone pouch. Phones will be locked into their pouches for the entirety of the school day, but students will still have their phones for the journey to and from school.

Due to the small financial outlay and the short time that year 11 have left with us, we are not asking that our parents of our Year 11 students purchase a phone pouch, but we would like to emphasise that phones should not be seen at any point during the school day. If a phone is visible, it will be confiscated.

We understand that mobile phones can be a useful tool, but we believe that this new policy will help to create a more focused and productive atmosphere in our school. We appreciate your support in ensuring that all students adhere to these new rules.

Year 11 have a leavers' service on 13th June. We will permit students to use their phones to take photos of their last day at school during period 3, the leavers' gathering.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours faithfully

Mrs R Harrison
Headteacher