



25th September 2020

Message regarding change to mobile phone policy for Key Stage 3 and Key Stage 4 students

Dear Parents/Carers,

From Monday 28th September we are changing elements of our policy relating to mobile phones. We currently have a system whereby students hand mobile phones in to the reception team before line-up in exchange for a raffle ticket. The phone is then collected by the student at the end of the day. From Monday 28th September, we are not requesting that students hand in mobile phones prior to line-up. The reason for this is to further reduce the risks associated with various people handling the same items.

The new policy is that students must switch their phone off before entering the school site and the phone must remain switched off and concealed for the rest of the school day. The phone can only be switched on after students have left the school site. If the phone is visible at any point whilst the student is on site (including before and after school) it will be confiscated.

As a school we cannot take responsibility for expensive belongings and therefore do not encourage students to bring mobile phones into school. If making calls to parents at the end of the school day is deemed essential, it may be worth considering buying a cheap handset for this purpose. As a school we do not want to have hugely expensive smartphones on school site and will not be responsible for their security.

If you would like to discuss this further please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,

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