



## “Believing is Achieving”

Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> July 2021

Dear Parents & Carers,

### Re: Mobile Phones in school

I wish to outline our position on the use of mobile phones in school to ensure that students and parents are clear on the circumstances in which their use is permitted.

For detailed information, refer to our Online Safety Acceptable Usage policy (published on the school’s website), Mobile Phone policy (attached to this letter), and classroom posters (attached to this letter).

We ask that parents do not contact their children during the school day through calls, texts or social media as sanctions are applied to pupils who do not follow the policy when responding to communications from parents.

If parents need to contact their children as a matter of urgency, they should always contact the school via the main reception 01902 632719.

As you are aware I allow pupils to keep their mobile phone with them during the school day and I’m pleased to report that in the main, students respond well and have adhere to the policy. I am however, disappointed that a small number of pupils have started to push the boundaries causing unnecessary confrontation. Unfortunately, if students continue to ignore the mobile phone policy I will ask governors to revoke the policy and mobile phones will be handed in at the start of each day.

We would ask that you discourage your child from bringing a mobile phone to school on the grounds that they are valuable and may be lost or stolen. However, we recognise that may have a part to play in securing pupils’ personal safety before and after school and on journeys to and from school. Furthermore, a complete ban would not be consistent with the aim of developing a culture of responsible use of a mobile phone and other digital devices by pupils.

If you feel that your child needs to bring their mobile phone to school, can you please make sure you have read the policy and go through the policy with your child particularly the section regarding sanctions if they use their mobile phone during the day. Please note that the **school accepts no responsibility** for any **loss or damage** to a mobile phone whilst the device is on the school premises.

If you would like to discuss this matter with me, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Kind regards

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'S Pritchard-Jones', written over a white background.

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