



3<sup>rd</sup> February 2023

Dear Parent/Carer,

**RE: Use of Mobile Phones in School**

I write to inform you of the change in the school rule regarding mobile phones. Whilst as a school, we have always understood that children may need access to their phone to ensure that they are able to contact parents, unfortunately, due to a rapid increase in the negative way that phones have been used in school, the school's rule has now changed.

As of **Monday 6<sup>th</sup> February, 2023**, all mobiles must be switched off before entering the building and must not be turned back on again until 3pm, when leaving site. Phones are no longer permitted to be used during social times. Whilst we have decided not to ban mobile phones all together, the way in which students are able to use their phone during the school day has now changed.

Your child attended a year group assembly on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> February, where this change was communicated directly, providing specific examples on this change.

May I please inform you of the sanctions the school will impose, should any student fail to meet the school's expectations. As of Monday, any student whose phone is seen on display, **whether the phone is switched off or not**, the phone will be confiscated. It will be the expectation that parents will collect their child's phone from school if it is confiscated. We have not yet taken the decision to ban mobile phones completely and we do hope that we will not need to resort to banning phones altogether in the future.

This decision has not been taken lightly, and I write to ask for your support. Should your son/daughter need to contact you in an emergency during the school day, they will be allowed to use the school telephone at Student Services to do this, during their break or lunchtime. If you need to contact your child/school in an emergency please call 01484 463366, leaving a voicemail if the lines are busy. You can also contact school by emailing: [royds.office@sharemat.co.uk](mailto:royds.office@sharemat.co.uk).

Our school environment is one that wants all students to strive towards their personal best. Mobile devices are not used in the classroom, and this change will not impact your child's learning or education in anyway nor will it disadvantage them. If at all possible, we ask that mobile phones are left at home.

Whilst I appreciate that any change of a school rule may cause some disruption to some students, I wanted to take this opportunity to communicate this change with you, along with the rationale behind this change. The school Behaviour Policy and the way it is issued, will continue as it has done, and if necessary, serious sanctions will be issued to students who do not adhere to the school's rules.

Please refer to the useful information included with this letter.

I would like to thank you in advance for your support.

Kind regards,

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