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## Dear Parents/Carers

We understand that mobile phones and technology are now a key part of modern life. Most students own a mobile phone with access to the internet and for safety reasons students will carry a mobile phone to contact home after or before school.

Although the majority of pupils are managing the use of mobile phones appropriately. We have had an increase of incidents where pupils have been taking pictures and videos of each other and members of staff whilst in school, this is a significant safeguarding concern and breeches the parameters of the general data protection regulation (GDPR). If a pupil is believed to have done this, then they will be asked to present their phone and delete any photographs and videos obtained, this will also be shared with the safeguarding team who will discuss concerns with parents/carers and any pupil(s) involved.

Any student found using their mobile phone inappropriately during school hours will be spoken to by staff in the first instance. If this continues then parents/carers will be made aware and mobile phones will be asked to remain at home and if they are in school, they will be confiscated. If issues surrounding mobile phones continue to occur and disrupt the learning for others, then parents/carers will be invited into school for a meeting.

We appreciate that there are sometimes life events or situations where a student may feel they need contact with home during the day. We ask parents and carers to inform us of this as soon as possible and students will be allowed to use the school phone to speak to home.

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Head Teacher