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Dear Parent/Carer

**Re: Ban on mobile phones**

You may be aware that the use of mobile phones in schools and their negative impact on teaching and learning is being widely reported in the media. Increasingly, pupils are struggling to self-manage their mobile phone use due to the distracting and addictive nature of the technology.

As part of our whole school approach to create a positive and focussed learning environment, we would like to remind you that we are a **no mobile phone school**. Our school policy on this is simple: pupils may bring a mobile phone to school but it must be switched off and stored securely in the pupil's school bag such that it is neither seen or heard at any time on the school site. This approach has been extremely helpful in reducing on-line bullying and distraction during lessons. Unfortunately, we have noticed an increase in the use of mobile phones throughout the school site, particularly at recreational times. It is also our experience that, in some cases, parents and carers are communicating with pupils throughout the school day. Should you need to contact your child during the school day please telephone the main reception who will forward any messages accordingly. This is not helping pupils to adhere to the school mobile phone policy and is causing unnecessary conflict that is distracting pupils from engaging in their learning. Research indicates that minimising mobile phone distractions can significantly enhance students' concentration, academic performance, and social interactions. We believe that our no mobile phone policy aligns with these findings and supports our mission to create a productive learning atmosphere.

In February 2024, the government published new guidance for schools on managing the use of mobile phones. The [non-statutory guidance](#) is intended to support schools to stop the use of mobile phones in the school day.

As we strive to continually improve our school policies, we are currently reviewing our mobile phone policy. We value the input of our school community and are eager to gather feedback from parents. We would ask that you complete the survey linked below:

<https://forms.gle/c6o77TsiDoUnEqZX9>

We kindly request your support in reinforcing our current policy by ensuring that your child does not use their mobile phone during the school day. Thank you for your cooperation and understanding. Together, we can ensure that Springfield School remains a safe and effective learning environment for all our pupils.

Yours sincerely



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