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Dear Parent/Carer

Notice of Change to Mobile Phone Policy: Adult Collection Required

We are committed to providing the best possible learning conditions for every student, and as part of that commitment, we are implementing **a significant update** to our mobile phone policy, effective next term.

Key Policy Change:

Any mobile phone confiscated by a member of school staff must be collected by a family member whose details we have as a contact, with photo ID.. We will not return confiscated devices to pupils at the end of the school day.

Rationale for the Update

This change is driven by our priority to maximize learning time and protect student wellbeing. There is a clear link between the presence of mobile devices and negative outcomes in school, including:

- **Impact on Learning:** Phones act as a major source of distraction, actively undermining classroom focus and academic progress.
- **Social & Emotional Stress:** Mobile phone use is a frequent cause of conflict, bullying, and privacy breaches that create unnecessary stress for the school community.

We are notifying you now so that you can **speak with your child** about this new collection rule. By reinforcing our "no visibility/no use" expectation at home, we can prevent disruption in school and avoid the inconvenience of requiring you to come in to collect a phone.

We value your partnership in supporting a disciplined and secure learning environment.

Yours sincerely



Mr Scales
Deputy Headteacher

You may find the attached links of interest:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/government-launches-crackdown-on-mobile-phones-in-schools>

<https://schoolsweek.co.uk/transformational-smartphone-free-schools-reveal-impact-of-bans/>



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