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Dear Parents and Carers,

MOBILE PHONES - INFORMATION AND GUIDANCE FOR PARENTS AND STUDENTS

I am writing to you in order to make the Swale Academies Trust position clear on students' use of mobile phones in our secondary schools following an update to Mobile Phone Protocols in the summer. We have had a wonderful start to the new academic year and students are all working hard in lessons and focused on their learning. We all want our students' learning in school to be free from distraction and we also recognise that you want your child to be safe and feel safe on their way to and from school. Our priorities are your children's education and their welfare.

All pupils have the right to learn in an engaging, safe and respectful environment. The Mobile Phone Protocols aim to provide a consistent approach to the management of mobile phones in Trust secondary schools to ensure pupils' behaviour does not impact negatively on the learning of others. We constantly strive to create a productive environment, representative and responsive to different cultures and groups, where everyone has an equal chance to succeed.

Mobile phones may be brought to school for use on the way to and from school and at break and lunchtimes. However, they should be switched off and kept out of sight at all times of the school day. They are not to be seen or heard in classrooms or on corridors and they are not to be used between lessons.

The Mobile Phone Protocols can be found on the school website here:

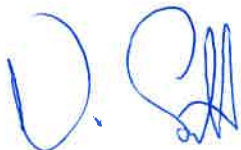
<https://www.thesittingbourneschool.org.uk/attachments/download.asp?file=165&type=pdf>

And all students are expected to uphold these protocols. Students who fail to meet our moderate expectations regarding mobile phones will lose the privilege of having their phone in school for a period of four weeks (holidays not included).

Finally, should a student need to contact home they can do so by speaking with a member of staff who will supervise them contacting home using the school phone. Please discourage your child from calling you from their mobile phone during the school day. Similarly, should you need to contact your child you should contact the main office. We politely ask that you do not try and call your child on their mobile phone as it may result in the phone being confiscated.

Thank you in advance for your support. If you have any queries, please direct them via the school office.

Warm regards



Mr N Smith
Head of School