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## Mobile Phones

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Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you have all had an enjoyable summer break. We are looking forward to welcoming our students back to school tomorrow.

As you know, following the Department of Education's guidance, from September 2024 Rowhill School adopted the principle that all mobile phones are to be handed in on arrival and kept in a secure location which the student cannot access throughout the school day.

Not having mobile phones in school reduces unnecessary distraction and disruption and also reduces safeguarding concerns caused by pupils using their phones in school, therefore protecting students from the risks and dangers associated with some social media. It also reduces peer pressure and possible stigma associated with owning what are often expensive devices and encourages more time spent staying active and socialising face to face with peers; activities which have a positive impact on wellbeing.

Last year, we did, unfortunately, have students in all phases of the school who are not following these mobile phone rules.

I would like to remind you that should students be seen with their phones during the school day they will be asked to hand the phone in and it will be confiscated for the rest of the day. The phone would be kept secure in the school until a parent/carer was able to come and collect it. If a student refuses to hand in their phone to staff then they will be asked to be collected by their parents/carer. If pupils continue to not follow the mobile phone rule, then a meeting with parents/carer will be needed and the consequences outlined. Consequences will range from suspension from school, additional education around why we have the mobile phone rule or being educated offsite.

There are a small number of students who need to use their phone for medical reasons (such as those who monitor their blood sugar levels via an app), and I would like to reassure parents/carers that we would of course make reasonable adaptations to the policy in such circumstances.

Thank you in advance for your ongoing support.

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