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Dear Parent / Carers

Mobile Phones at College Site

In line with many other schools, we would like college to be a mobile phone free zone in order to maximise learning and develop social skills.

However, we recognise that mobile phones are a source of support for pupils who travel a distance on minibuses or taxis or who travel independently.

To re-iterate, what has always been our policy but seems to have slipped recently phones should be handed into Reception on arrival at college, or can be kept in lockers or bags, but **should not** be out and being used at breaks or in lessons.

The majority of our learners are able to follow these rules but those who cannot, distract themselves and others in lessons and use phones inappropriately at breaks.

We may contact you and ask that phones are left at home for the minority who struggle to follow the rules, which are designed to protect all our school members.

We will repeat the expectations around phones in assembly - please could you remind your child about the rules around mobile phones at school. We rely on your support to help our pupils concentrate in class without distraction and maintain our high standards of behaviour.

Thanks in advance

Gillian Barton

Deputy Head Teacher SEND

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