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Dear Parents/Guardians

## School Mobile Phone Policy

In order to ensure that use of mobile devices does not lead to unnecessary distraction and disruption during the school day, the school's Mobile phone Policy has been amended to specify how and when mobile phones may be used by pupils in school.

The School's Mobile Phone Policy states that boys are permitted to use their phones in school during the lunch break only i.e. between 11.55am and 12.55pm (but not in the Dining Hall).

The key changes to note are given below:

- Sixth Formers will be permitted to use their phones during break times and their free periods as well as lunch times.
- At all other times, ALL pupils must have their phones switched off and out of sight. Silent or vibrate modes are not acceptable.
- The exception to this is if a teacher indicates that a phone may be used during a lesson for a specific purpose. Phones will need to be switched off again after such use.

If boys break the rules as set out in the policy, his phone will be confiscated and the following sanctions applied:

- The first time a mobile phone is confiscated, parents will be informed by email and the pupil will serve a half hour after-school detention. The pupil may collect his phone at the end of the school day from the relevant Pastoral Office.
- If a mobile phone is confiscated a second time within a school year an hour after-school detention will be served. The mobile phone will be retained by the School and parents requested to collect it.
- Any further infringements of this Policy will result in the pupil being banned from bringing a mobile phone to School for a specified period of time.

These amendments will take effect from 4 September 2017 and I hope that you will support us with the implementation of this revised policy.

Yours sincerely

S D Smallwood  
Head Master