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Dear parents / carers

As discussed in the last few newsletters; our concerns around mobile phone use and that they are not allowed in school; even though there have been assemblies on it and reminders in line ups, some students are forgetting and using their phones in school.

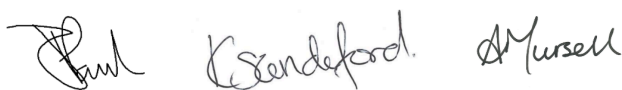
If a member of staff sees a student using a phone in school, it will be confiscated. If there is repeated use or the student refuses to hand it in then the student will spend time in reflection. We need parents to work with us as a school as students having their phones in school is a safeguarding concern. We have filters on our school computers to ensure that students are using the internet safely and we are able to support any student who searches inappropriately, however with phones this opens up children to search anything. We also need to protect the school community from being in photos and videos that they do not consent to.

Please can you speak to your children about how important it is not to have their phone on and out in school. I have had a conversation with a number of parents last week that want to swap their child's phone from a smart phone to a phone where they can just call and text. We can support each other as a community and share that some parents have already made this step, so please don't feel pressured for your child to have the smart phone and if you, as the parent, choose for them not to have it, there are other parents who will be glad that you were courageous enough to put those boundaries in place and they will follow suit.

I would also like to take this opportunity to invite parents to join a working party, before we go out to consult widely about our next steps for the phone ban, to get in line with government initiatives. Please complete this google form if you would be interested in talking. It is a small commitment of a couple of meetings, which can be attended via google meet or in person after school. The dates of the meeting will be confirmed after the closing date for the form.

Please complete the following form by Tuesday 3rd February 2026.

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1zHAMwDKqSecIhXUI1KSDoOax0ttvBj2a2uGJEoblJs4/edit>



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