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Dear Parent/Carer

Thank you to all parents and carers who continually support our mobile phone policy in school, by insisting that their child fully understands that they must not take their mobiles out of their bags or have them switched on during the school day. Mobile phones and online activity are often the source of poor behaviour or a lack of focus for students in school. Many parents/carers report that they have temporarily removed their child's mobile phone/tablet/Xbox if their child has not completed HW or received behaviour points in school, until the situation improves. In the vast majority of cases, this has had the desired effect of improving behaviour and progress and we thank you for your support.

Recently though, we have had to confiscate phones from students claiming they were making or receiving a call from parents or carers. We ask that parents refrain from contacting their child at school via their mobile phone and ask that they discourage their child from contacting them during the school day. If there is a problem in school, we ask that your child reports it to their Form Tutor, Head of Year or Class Teacher, so that we can help them resolve issues themselves. We are more than happy to call parents/carers if there is a need, or authorise mobile phone use in an emergency, but this should only be done with permission.

Secondly, as winter draws on and the days get colder, please ensure that your child has a warm 'plain' (i.e. broadly one colour – logos/badges are not an issue so long as it is not a training top or hoody) coat to wear for school, on top of their blazer/jumper. Some students are starting to wear hoodies/tracksuit tops over or under uniform but these are not acceptable. If there are financial difficulties, please do not hesitate to contact your Head of Year, so that we can support your child in wearing a plain coat. We thank you for your support in this matter.

Yours sincerely

T McCabe

Tony McCabe
Headteacher

