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Dear Parents / Carers,

I am writing to share with you an update with regards to our mobile phone policy in school.

As you will be aware, we are a no phone school and phones are confiscated if they are used by students in school. Phones are then locked securely in the school office until a parent collects it.

Recently, there have been a number of parental queries about how this could potentially create a safeguarding concern as they are unable to make contact with their children afterschool and vice versa. It has also been noted, how this appears more of an inconvenience for parents than the students who have disregarded the school rules.

We are keen to listen to feedback from our parent body and will therefore be communicating the following information with all students today.

Phones will be confiscated if used / seen by a member of staff. However, students will be able to collect their phones from the school office at 3.30pm on the day of confiscation. As a consequence for the students (and hopefully to act as a further deterrent) any student who has their phone confiscated will also be issued with an after-school detention for the following evening from 3.30-4.30pm.

I would also like to take the opportunity to remind you of our attendance policy. From a safeguarding perspective, it is vital that if your child is absent from school that you notify school by 8.50am at the latest. All parents are expected to do this on every day of absence. Thank you for your anticipated support with this.

Thank you to those who took the time to share their concerns with us.

Yours sincerely,

L Daveran
Assistant Headteacher