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Dear parents

Rules regarding mobile phones

Regrettably, we have recently seen a rise in incidents involving students' use of mobile phones in school, so I am taking this opportunity to remind you of the rule and clarify exactly how the rule will be applied.

The rule is that students may only have mobile phones at school on the condition that they are neither seen nor heard by staff. Until now, staff have only been told to enforce this rule inside the school buildings, but with the opening of the new arts block, and the increase in the number of times students travel from one site to the other during the school day, it now makes more sense to say that **mobile phones must not be seen or heard at any time during the school day, whether inside or outside the school building.**

I would like to clarify for parents **that the rule about students using mobile phones also applies to times when students are in the building for after school activities** (such as clubs and sports practices) **and events** (such as parents' evenings, concerts, plays and Guild events). To avoid an embarrassing situation arising, please do not allow your son or daughter to use a mobile phone on these occasions.

Students and staff will be given clarification of the rules regarding mobile phones before half term, and the rule will be strictly enforced from Monday 28th February 2011.

The half term tracking reports enclosed will allow you to see how your son or daughter has been getting on since Christmas. Please support the school in the matter of mobile phones – our aim is to cut down all distractions during the school day, so that students focus single-mindedly on their work in school, and make the progress that we are all looking for.

Best wishes

Rachel Allard
Headteacher

