

23rd March 2023

Re: Mobile Phones in School and Uniform

Dear parents and carers,

As we approach the Easter break, I am getting in touch with a few reminders regarding mobile phones and uniform. Our position on both of these is an important part of what we believe in as a school; it sets a calm and studious tone for the school day. Getting this right is an important first step for us in helping students develop the LEARN attributes we talk about so often.

Mobile phones

As you will be aware, we operate a strict policy on mobile phones which we strongly believe is essential to maintain a safe, focussed learning environment in school for all. Your support as parents/ carers, in achieving this is both essential and greatly appreciated. Our mobile phone expectations are clearly set out in the school's [behaviour policy](#) (page 10) and in the [student handbook](#) (page 23). Essentially, they are not to be seen or heard for any reason at any time on the academy site. This extends after the last lesson, until students have left the glass gates. If, in an emergency, students need to contact home (or you need to contact them) this will always be possible via reception. If phones are seen or heard, they will be confiscated for a week on the first occasion (longer for subsequent confiscations) and cannot be collected early. Students know this rule; if their phone is confiscated they must accept it and learn from it. If a student fails to hand their phone in, they will work in the supervision room until they do. If they fail to hand it in by the end of the school day, they will return to the supervision room on subsequent days until it is handed in and will also be issued with a Saturday detention. Your support in enforcing this is appreciated, and it is a principle we strongly believe in.




Uniform

As always, the new term provides a good opportunity to ensure students have full uniform. Students must always come to school with full school uniform and I take this opportunity to remind you of some of these points below. When we return we will conduct our normal, full uniform checks which will include:

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- Official school trousers
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- Tie and lanyard
- School blazer
- Students are permitted 1 pair of simple ear studs only- no other piercings are allowed

Full details of our uniform policy can be found [here](#) and in the [student handbook](#) (page 24-28).

As always, thank you for your continued support in helping us maintain the highest standards for our students.

Yours sincerely,



T. Beecham
Head of School

