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Dear Parent

I am writing to inform you about new sanctions we will be implementing for the remainder of the summer term for students who use their mobile phone outside of our current policy.

Whilst we understand that lockdown and home learning has increased the need for mobile phone usage, we are concerned that some students are now highly distracted and reliant on their phones and this can lead to a loss of focus on their learning.

In line with our existing policy we would like to stress that mobile phones are **only allowed to be seen at social times when on the playground or field**. There is no other time they are allowed to be seen. The only exception to this is if a member of staff has specifically directed the use of them, but this will be very minimal.

If a student is seen with a phone anytime, other than when stated above, the phone will be confiscated.

Below is the new sanction procedure for incorrect use that will come into effect from Monday the 5th of July.

1st occasion - Student will collect phone at the end of the day from their house office.

2nd occasion - Parents will be contacted and a 60 minute Head of House detention will be set.

3rd occasion - Parents will be required to collect the phone from reception at the end of the day and a 90 minute Senior leadership detention will be set.

I would like to stress the importance of not communicating with your child throughout the day, however tempting this is, it can lead to your child being sanctioned as it can increase the temptation to check their phone.

We have listened to the views of staff and students alike and are therefore only changing the sanctions at present, however if students do not succeed in following the current policy fully we will consider a rather significant change for September.

If you wish to discuss this matter further please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Kind regards

Mrs L Griffiths

Assistant Headteacher