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Dear Parent/Carer

Many thanks for your continued support with ensuring our students continuously display the core character values of Shirebrook Academy on a daily basis.

As we approach the final half-term of the academic year, we wanted to issue a reminder about our stance on mobile phones. At Shirebrook Academy we have a duty to safeguard our staff and students against unwanted filming and taking of photos against someone's will. Students must not take images, film or record in the Academy building or grounds without verbal consent from all parties or unless directed to do so by a teacher as part of a learning activity. It is a serious offence to film or take photos of someone without their permission and any incidents of this nature in school will be sanctioned seriously and a report made to the police.

As an Academy, we can and will issue mobile phone bans for students who fall below our expectations and put the safety of staff or other students at risk.

Students caught using their phone in a lesson or during form time will have their phone confiscated by their teacher or form tutor. The phone will be handed to the Pastoral Leader/Head of Year and the student asked to collect it at the end of the day. This is clearly detailed in our Behaviour for Learning policy. If a student refuses to hand their phone over after a reasonable and polite request, an appropriate sanction will be issued.

Students must not contact home during the day to inform parents/carers that they are ill or that an issue has arisen at school. If a student feels ill, they must inform Student Reception so that our Admin team can contact home for them. This is to ensure staff in school are aware of illness and absence, and to safeguard students. If an issue has arisen during the school day, students should report this to their Head of Year in the first instance. Staff in school will then decide if parents/carers need to be informed.

Our mobile phone policy is currently under review and a further update on this will be provided before we break up for summer in July.

Many thanks for your continued support.



James Edwards and Alex Marsh
Assistant Principals, Behaviour and Inclusion



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