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Dear Parent/Carer

Use of Mobile Phones

As you will appreciate from our excellent results in recent years, we want to work with you to maximise the performance of every child in our school.

Whilst we recognise the need for mobile phone contact outside of school, inside the grounds it is not necessary. **In an emergency**, communication with your son/daughter is possible at any time via the School Office. Students can also call home on the school mobile at the cost of 10p.

Our rule is that mobile phones should only be used to listen to music using in-ear headphones in the school playground during break and lunch time. Inside the school building phones and headphones should not be out at any time, and phones should be switched off at all times. Phones going off in lessons and around school cause a disruption. **In addition, mobile phones are very valuable items and school cannot be responsible for their damage or loss.**

Any student in breach of this simple rule will have their phone confiscated for up to five days. Where a pupil readily complies with the confiscation of their phone, the school normally allows the pupil to have the phone back after two days. However, if a pupil fails to hand over their phone promptly, or challenges the member of staff's instruction, this may result in a more serious sanction being applied.

Further breaches of the school rules around phone use could lead to more serious sanctions, such as a 60 minute detention followed by a request for parents to collect the phone.

Continual refusal to follow the school rule on mobile phones may result in your child losing the privilege of bringing their phone into school.

I hope that you will support us with this rule and appreciate the disruption caused by the use of mobile phones. Please return the slip below to confirm receipt of this letter.

Yours sincerely

Mr D Adams
Headteacher

Please return this reply slip to the School Office

Pupil's Name: **Form:**

I/We have read the information regarding mobile phones.

Parent/Carer:

Signed: **Date:**