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Dear Parents and Carers,

Mobile Phone Use in School – Survey Feedback and Next Steps

Thank you to everyone who took the time to respond to our recent survey on mobile phone use in school. We received a huge number of responses, and your feedback has been incredibly valuable as we look to update our approach.

The results show a strong consensus among parents in favour of tighter restrictions on mobile phone use during the school day. However, many of you also expressed the importance of your child being able to carry a mobile phone to and from school for safety and communication purposes. This is a view we fully recognise and support.

This week, we will be carrying out further staff and students voice activities and delivering education around the risks of excessive phone use, including the impact on mental health and wellbeing. This will help ensure our students are informed and supported as we move forward.

Parental Support Required

With this in mind, we are asking for your support to **complete the attached questionnaire with your child**, which can be found here: <u>CLICK HERE</u>.

We are now in the process of reviewing our mobile phone policy in preparation for the new academic year and your feedback will play a key role in shaping those changes.

I will write to you again before the end of term with further updates.

Thank you once again for your support and partnership.

Yours sincerely,

Miss R Sandham Principal



Results from Parent Survey June 2025

Key Findings from the Parent Survey on Mobile Phone Use

- 86% of parents expressed concerns about their child's wellbeing in relation to mobile phone use.
- 84% believe that mobile phones contribute to distractions from learning as well as social and emotional wellbeing issues.
- 90% indicated that the primary reason their child brings a mobile phone to school is to check in when travelling to and from school.
- 71% are specifically concerned about the impact of mobile phone use on their child's mental health and wellbeing.
- 85% support the idea of restricting mobile phone use during the school day.

Many parents have also shared that while they would support tighter restrictions on mobile phone use during school hours, they feel it is important that students retain access before and after school for safety reasons, particularly for travel and coordinating the collection of younger siblings.