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Dear Parents and Carers

Mobile phone policy

We are all aware of the potential harmful effects of mobile phone technology and social media on young people. In schools in particular, including The Hart School, this impact can be widely felt, causing emotional harm and anxiety. It is often the root cause of bullying in schools.

On another level, mobile phone technology can be a distraction to learning and a hindrance to progress, whilst genuine social interaction between pupils during break and lunchtime is limited.

Taking all this into account, the school is making a change to its policy regarding mobile phone usage expectations. From September 2018, the school will comply with The Creative Education Trust's e-safety policy, which does not allow the use of mobile phones during the school day. This policy will also apply to school staff.

What does this mean?

For safety reasons travelling to and from school, or for use in an emergency outside of school, mobile phones may be brought into school. However, they must remain "out of sight" during the school day. This includes during break and lunchtimes. If mobile phones are visible or used on the school site, they will be confiscated and locked in the school's safe. The mobile phone will only be returned to a parent or carer.

For further information, please refer to page 7 in the document attached by the link below:-

<http://www.hartschool.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2018/07/Child-Protection-Policy.pdf>

Thank you for your support with this.

Yours sincerely

Mr C Keen
Principal