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Dear Parents and Carers

We are writing to inform you of an important update regarding the use of mobile phones in school.

Firstly, a reminder that if your daughter is in Years 7-11 she is **NOT** permitted to use her phone to purchase food from the canteen. Phones are not permitted at all in the school day (other than in the Sixth Form) and the canteen staff have been asked on more than one occasion to take phone payment as the Impact account is not topped up. This will not be authorised. Please ensure you top up your daughter's account in good time.

Secondly, I would like to address an incredibly rare but serious incident which occurred in school this week. While incidents involving inappropriate filming and posting online are rare, we are deeply disappointed by any occurrence of this behaviour. Such actions are unacceptable and undermine the safe and respectful environment we strive to maintain for all students.

Effective immediately, any student found using their mobile phone inappropriately—particularly to film or share information about other students—will face increased sanctions. This is to reinforce the seriousness of these actions and protect the wellbeing of our school community.

Looking ahead, from September 2026 we strongly encourage students not to bring a phone to school at all, and will keep you updated on our plans and the policy as the year unfolds, in line with the action many other local schools have taken.

If a phone is brought in until the new policy is in place next September, it must be switched off and kept in the student's bag throughout the day.

Thank you for your continued support in helping us maintain a safe and respectful learning environment. Please can you reinforce this message at home and remind your daughter, as we will at school.

Yours sincerely

Jo Capon
Headteacher

