



EBOR ACADEMY

24th June 2019

Dear Parent/Carer

A real focus for us as a school this year has been to ensure the very best climate for learning so that students are fully prepared for lessons and any unnecessary distraction is eliminated. To support this you may be aware that our rule on mobile phones is that they should not be seen at any time on the school site. In recent weeks it would appear that some students have “forgotten” this rule and are using them; usually at the beginning or the end of the day. The rule has always been that mobile phones, if brought to school, should be switched off and kept in the student’s locker for the whole day – mobile phones should never be seen at all in school. This rule is important to us and national research into the topic supports the ban on phones in schools. Students will be reminded of this rule in briefings and form times over the coming week. This will allow students to re-adjust to this way of working again with the policy fully implemented from Monday 1 July 2019.

The basic principles are listed below:

1. Mobile phones and earbud/earphones should be ‘**off and away**’ in lockers at all times, any mobile phones and earbud/earphones equipment seen or heard will be confiscated, this includes anything on display in shirt, trouser or blazer pockets;
2. Items listed above that are confiscated will be returned to students at the end of the day **in the first instance**, although should there be a second occurrence a call will be made home with the requirement for a parent / carer to collect the items on their child’s behalf. After school detentions will be issued to students who persistently have their mobile phone or earbuds/earphones on site;
3. The restriction is in place at all times while students are in the grounds of the school, this includes the playgrounds, outside areas and when students arrive and leave the site at the end of the day. Everything should be put away before students enter the school grounds and not accessed until they have left the site.
4. Should students wish to contact parents with any concerns or for collection following school based activities they are asked to go to the main reception area of the school where the school phone may be used.

We would ask that you further discuss this with your child during this week and over the weekend and thank you for your support.

Yours sincerely

Mr T Cartmail
Headteacher

