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Dear Parents/Carers

For the last half term, we want all students to take part in the big phone switch off whilst they are at school. For the vast majority, this is not a significant change but for some, there needs to be a break from the omnipresent distraction of the phone that is constantly on, buzzing, messaging, distracting from learning, from socialising.

What this means:

- From 8.30am – 3.20pm phones will be switched off. Students will be asked to prove to Learning Mentors phones are safely off inside their blazers or securely in their bags.
- Phones that are on/remain on will be confiscated, to be collected by the students from the arts block reception at the end of the day. If this reoccurs, parents/carers will be asked to collect the phone. Your support in this is appreciated.
- Phones can only be used in lessons at the request of the teacher and the same procedure as Guidance Time will be used to ensure they are switched off.
- Students who receive a suspension will continue to hand in their phone for two weeks or until they improve their behaviour.
- The school is **not** banning mobiles.
- Students who need the mobile for medical reasons will be given an exemption card.
- No headphones or earpods will be allowed.

National research shows a break from mobile phones is desirable. The parental response to our survey has been reassuring and significant with sensible, supportive comments invaluable. A response to eight frequently asked questions and excellent parental strategies can be found on our website [HERE](#)

As always, thank you in advance for your continued support. Let's switch off and start talking.

Kind regards

Neil S Morris
Headteacher