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Dear Parents/Carers

Changes to Our Mobile Phone Policy from September

As you may be aware, the Government has recently strengthened its guidance regarding the use of mobile phones in schools and, from September, will require that all schools be mobile phone-free environments.

In response to this guidance and discussion at Parent Voice, we have reviewed our current arrangements. We note that many parents would prefer pupils to carry a phone on the journey to and from school for safety. We recognise that this creates an issue when they get to school with the school being a mobile phone free environment.

As such we will be introducing a new **mobile phone pouch system from September.**

How the new system will work

- Pupils who bring a mobile phone to school will be issued with a mobile phone pouch.
- Upon arrival at school, pupils must place their phone in the pouch, lock it with the lock system at the school entrance and keep it secured in the pouch with them for the duration of the school day.
- Phones must remain inside the pouch at all times while on the school site.

Lost pouches

- Pupils are responsible for looking after their pouch.
- If a pouch is lost or damaged, parents/carers will be required to cover the cost of a replacement.

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If a phone is brought to school but the pupil forgets the pouch

- If a pupil accidentally brings a phone to school without a pouch, the phone must be handed in at Reception at the start of the day.
- The phone will be securely stored and the pupil can collect it from reception at the end of the school day.

Phones not stored correctly

No pupil should have a phone on them in school that is not in a sealed pouch under any circumstances. Any mobile phone in school that is not secured in a school-issued pouch will be confiscated. In these circumstances, the phone will not be returned directly to the pupil. A parent or carer will be required to collect the phone from the school. The person collecting the phone must be a named contact on Arbor for your child. It is the parents' responsibility to ensure this list is up to date with anyone they would like on their child's parents and guardian list.

We believe these changes will help create a calm, focused learning environment for all pupils while still allowing families the flexibility of pupils carrying phones on their journey to and from school.

Further details about the operation of the pouch system, including distribution arrangements, will be shared at the start of the new academic year.

Thank you for your support in helping us maintain high standards of behaviour, learning and wellbeing across the school.

Yours Sincerely



Lorraine Taylor

Principal