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Dear parent / carer,

As you will probably have seen in the national news recently, there is an ongoing debate around the use of mobile phones in schools. The latest government guidance for schools in February 2024 supported the idea of banning mobile phones completely, but at LeAF we recognise that many of our students travel long distances and mobile phones are therefore an important part of their safety and security. In addition, a number of subjects regularly use phones in lessons for various activities, so we recognise the importance of mobile devices when used appropriately.

With this in mind, we will be continuing to allow students to bring mobile phones to school, but we wanted to take this opportunity to remind parents and students of the simple rules that we have regarding mobile devices:

- Students are allowed to bring mobiles to school, but they must remain switched off and in their bags throughout the day.
- They are not allowed out in corridors or lessons for any reason unless expressly given permission by the class teacher for an approved activity.
- Students are allowed on their phones at break and lunch but only in the canteen or outside.

From Monday, we will be reminding students of these rules and any student who is seen to have their phone out in the school building without permission will immediately have it removed by a member of staff. This applies to all students, including sixth formers, and covers both mobiles and headphones. Any items removed will be returned to the student at the end of the day and they will be sanctioned in line with our Behaviour Policy.

Thank you as always for your ongoing support.



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