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Mobile Device Acceptable Use

Dear parent /carer,

In September 2016 we made the decision at Greenhill to ban the use of mobile devices on the school premises, adopting the term mobile devices '**must not be seen or heard**'. The decision was impactful, removing challenges that mobile devices were posing to learning and life around the school. We had an overwhelmingly positive response from parents and carers and we thank you for your support.

Over the last week I have delivered assemblies to all pupils resetting our expectations on mobile device rules, in preparation for the beginning of the Spring Term January 2020. There are times when a reset is required to sharpen the focus. Pupils are clear that mobile devices and headphones are not to be used anywhere on the school premises. Any pupil bringing a mobile device into school must ensure it is switched off at all times and kept out of sight. If a mobile device or headphones are seen or heard whilst on the site, items will be confiscated and held securely until a parent/ carer collects them at their convenience. If a pupil refuses to cooperate, a sanction will be imposed immediately and parents/ carers will be called to support.

We have purchased planners for all pupils to record information to eliminate the excuse to use a phone and we have prepared copies of timetables for blazer pockets and diaries. We have delivered a clear message to staff on zero usage of mobile devices in lessons and also banned staff from using mobile devices in front of pupils.

If you need to contact your child urgently during the school day then you may leave a message with the staff in reception. They will ensure that your son/daughter receives the message. If you contacted your child via their mobile device this will create a very difficult scenario. Likewise, should your child need to contact you urgently, this can be arranged through their teacher, tutor, Head of House or reception. Thank you for your continued support, it is very much appreciated.

Yours faithfully,

Matthew Davies

Deputy Headteacher

