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Dear Parents and Carers

I am sure that many of you will have heard the news yesterday and seen the statement from the Secretary of Education regarding the [use of mobile phones in schools](#).

The new non statutory guidance communicated to schools this week from the Secretary of State for Education builds on previous guidance and announced a national reset on mobile phone use in schools so that all schools should become use of mobile phone free environments.

As a school we remain committed to educating students on the use of technology and the technologies that will form part of their lives both in school and in the outside world, but the statement yesterday will necessitate a change across all year groups in the school. Some of that change and adaption will happen relatively quickly but there are also likely to be other changes that need to be made over a longer timescale.

Over the coming days, the Leadership Team will be working to produce an updated and adapted mobile phone policy that we as a school will implement after students and staff return from the half term holiday on Monday 23rd February 2026. This will be communicated to all staff, students and you as parents and carers shortly. All students including those in the Sixth Form will be informed of the new policy prior to the half-term break so that there is absolute clarity on the expectations of students and staff relating to mobile phone use at the school.

Kind regards

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