

20 January 2012

Dear Parents and Carers

### **Mobile Phones & Electronic Devices**

There appears to be a lack of clarity where these items are concerned and this letter is an attempt to clear up any misconceptions that people may have. I have listened to a number of points of view on the matter and have taken into consideration the college's unique rural location in making the following decision.

With effect from **Monday 23 January 2012**, the college's position regarding these items will be as follows:-

1. Mobile phones & electronic devices cannot be visible anywhere on the college site between the hours of 8.00 am and 3.30 pm
2. It is recommended that mobile phones & electronic devices are not brought into college at all, but if they are, they must be turned off and kept out of sight
3. If a mobile phone or electronic device is seen, it will be confiscated by a member of staff and a parent will have to collect it from Reception
4. Refusal to hand over a mobile phone or electronic device to a member of staff will result in a pupil being internally isolated the next college day

After 3.30 pm, mobile phones may be used to arrange pick-up's, but usage should be kept to a minimum. I would ask that parents do not telephone or text their children during the hours of 8.00 am and 3.30 pm as this will clearly cause pupils a problem.

I hope that this is very clear and that the sanction for those who ignore this rule is straight forward. If a mobile phone or electronic device is visible between the hours of 8.00 am and 3.30 pm **anywhere** on the college site, then it will be confiscated. If your child continues to ignore this rule, then you may choose not to collect the device immediately and we will be happy to support you in this action.

Thank you for your support in this matter.

Yours sincerely



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