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Dear Parent/Guardian,

Assalamu alaikum / Peace be with you

Re: Mobile Phone

I am writing to remind you of the school's strict "no mobile phone" policy for students. Mobile phones should not be seen or used on school premises at any point during the school day. There is a wealth of research documenting how the use of mobile phones negatively affects students' day-to-day engagement in their learning and, inevitably, their overall outcomes.

At the beginning of the academic year, students have been reminded about mobile phone procedures. Students who bring a mobile phone to school are required to hand their phone at the Homebase area and collect it at the end of the day, as they leave to go home. They are asked to sign a log confirming that they have safely dropped off and picked up their phone. Students are not permitted to keep a mobile phone in their possession during the school day and any student found with a phone will be disciplined in line with the school's Behaviour Policy and Rewards & Sanctions procedure. The phone will be confiscated, and the student's parent/guardian will be asked to collect it after the period of confiscation has expired, a minimum two-week period.

Our school takes stringent measures to ensure the privacy of our students and staff is protected and prohibiting the use of mobile phones helps to keep everyone in our school community safe, happy and well. Without the constant distraction of mobile phones, students can focus more on their lessons and as a result, their grades often improve. We therefore ask that, if your child has been given permission to bring a mobile phone into school, you remind them of the rules set out. Breaking these rules can put all of our students and staff at risk – and may prevent us from allowing students to bring in mobile phones, even in exceptional circumstances.

If you need to contact your child throughout the school day, please feel free to call the School Office – your message will be passed on to your child.

May I also take this opportunity to remind you that, if your child has been given permission to bring a mobile phone into school, they do so at their own risk. The school will not accept liability for lost, damaged or stolen phones.

Thank you once again for your cooperation.

Yours sincerely,

Sajid Khaliq

Principal

