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Dear Parent/Carer,

School rules reminder

We'd like to reiterate the school stance on a number of rules in relation to uniform, drinks and phones.

Whilst we have seen a marked improvement in all of these areas we do have some problems with a small number of pupils not complying with the phone rules.

The rule is that pupils must hand their phones to staff, or put it in their lockers, on entry to school in the morning and will then receive them back at the end of day at 3.20pm. The only additions to this rule are that if a member of staff is taking a pupil out of school for a specific intervention or trip, they will make the judgement as to whether the phone can be accessed for this time and handed back in on return if it is in the interest of the pupil, or KS4 privilege status.

We would appreciate it if you could reiterate the importance of school rules and in particular the rule governing mobile phones. As explained in the previous letter, it causes a great deal of disruption to the pupils who already struggle to concentrate and there will need to be consequences for not following the rules. Also, we are particularly conscious that at this time of year a number of pupils may be receiving new phones for Christmas.

In addition to the information above I would like to add the following information in relation to our Policy on Smoking at WKS:

There should be no smoking by students, staff or visitors in the buildings or on any part of the site at any time. The use or charging of electronic cigarettes on site is not permitted. Also, electronic cigarettes should not be charged on site as they represent a fire hazard. Pupils found in possession of smoking or electronic cigarette paraphernalia will have it confiscated, and stored safely. Parents/Carers may collect the items within 7 days, after which they will be disposed of. Alternatively, with agreement from escorts, these materials could be returned home to Parents/Carers directly with their permission. Students found to be smoking, or associating with others who are smoking, will be sanctioned as soon as practicable from the time of the transgression.

Again, may we thank you for your ongoing support and offer you on behalf of the staff, our best wishes for the holiday.

Kind regards

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