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Dear Parent/Carer

### Unauthorised use of mobile phones in lessons

Many schools have a blanket ban on mobile phones. At Wilmington Academy, we respect the fact that parents/carers like their children to have a mobile phone from a safety point of view and we are not planning to go down that route. We also believe that we should work together to help students become responsible digital citizens and prefer to build a relationship of trust in our students that they will do the right thing. The vast majority of students do not let us down but a small minority of students are using their mobiles to text etc during lessons.

We do not believe that the majority should suffer because of the minority, however, as parents/carers I would like to make you aware of the sanctions that will be imposed for improper use of mobile phones.

The sanctions for unauthorised use of a mobile phone during lessons are as follows;

1. The phone is confiscated and returned at the end of the day.
2. Automatic 1 hour detention after school – referral to Thursday Catch Up Club.
3. Final warning letter to parents/carers advising them that if it happens again their son/daughter will be banned from bringing the device into school.
4. The incident will go on their school record.

If a student refuses to hand over the phone they will be removed from the lesson and:-

1. The phone is confiscated and returned at the end of the day.
2. Automatic 1 day in isolation.
3. Final warning letter to parents/carers advising them that if it happens again their son/daughter will be banned from bringing the device into school.
4. The incident will go on their school record.

Please go through this letter with your son/daughter to make sure that they are aware of the sanctions. Thank you in advance for your support.

Yours faithfully

Tracey Trusler  
Principal