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Headteacher: Mr. S. Bond

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Notification of Woodfield Academy's stance on the use of Mobile Phones and Personal Electronic Devices

I am writing to you to make clear the academy's ruling on the use of mobile and electronic devices during the school day.

We understand completely that mobile phones, in particular, are a feature of personal security and you may wish your child to carry one on the way to and from school. These and any other personal electronic devices must be handed in to the academy reception office for safekeeping at the beginning of the school day, then collected at the end of the day.

Whilst we would all like to trust our children with mobile technology, the simple fact is that the temptation to use social media, take photographs and record audio and visual material in school time is too great. It is important to understand that some pupils simply cannot be photographed and their images shared for a whole host of reasons; threats and name-calling on social media platforms lead to huge distractions during the school day; in other circumstances, hi-jinks gone wrong can lead to misunderstandings, embarrassment or can compromise the welfare and safeguarding of our children – things we are not prepared to tolerate.

You need to be aware that the carrying, storage and certainly the use of such devices on the academy site are completely forbidden. Pupils found to be doing so will be asked to hand them in; refusal to do so will result in a consequence and confiscation of the item (to be collected by you in person). Misuse of mobile devices will be investigated thoroughly, could involve the police and may result in exclusion from the academy.

Furthermore, it is important to understand that Woodfield Academy will take no responsibility for any mobile phones or personal electronic devices that are lost or damaged on our site. These are expensive items that are brought into school entirely at pupils' own risk.

I would therefore urge you, as much as possible, to ensure that these items are left at home. Otherwise, I would ask you to instil in your child that they must follow the procedures stated above and hand devices in at the beginning of the school day.

Yours sincerely

Mr S Bond
Headteacher



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