

17<sup>th</sup> March 2022

Dear parent/carers,

As you aware, the Academy has a strict policy that mobile phones, head/earphones and air-pods are prohibited in the Academy. If these items are seen or heard, they will be confiscated and can only be collected from reception by parents or carer.

This policy has helped to significantly reduce the incidents of phones being lost or stolen, and sending/sharing of inappropriate messages/images that potentially cause arguments and disruption to the school day.

With this in mind, can I encourage you to spend some time talking to your child about the appropriate use of mobile phones and other devices when sending and sharing messages. It is important that students realise that they have a responsibility to use their phones and devices in an appropriate way, which they are reminded of through PSHE lessons and assemblies. We have also invited our Safer Schools Police Officer in to talk to students about the risks, dangers and consequences of sending/receiving inappropriate messages/images.

The link below to the UK Safer Internet Centre, gives parents/carers excellent guidance and information about different forms of technology including phones, laptops, games consoles and general information on social media platforms and apps. You will find the frequently asked questions (FAQ's) particularly helpful.

[Parents and Carers - UK Safer Internet Centre](#)

If you do have any concerns about your child relating to this, and need support, please contact your child's Head of Year or the Safeguarding Manager (Ms Morgan)

Yours sincerely

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Mr Williams  
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