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Dear Parent / Carer,

Mobile Phones

As we move through the autumn term, we have noticed that there has been an increase in the number of pupils using their mobile phones on the school premises. I am writing to make you aware of this matter, and I ask for your support in ensuring that your child clearly understands the rules and expectations with regards to mobile phone use at Porthcawl Comprehensive School.

As outlined in our School Code of Behaviour for Pupils, mobile phones used during school time will be confiscated. This includes lesson time, breaktime, lunchtime and when outside in recreational areas of our school site. Mobile phones may be brought to school, but they must remain switched off in each pupil's bag. For several reasons, a pupil might be granted permission to use their phone however, when this is required, they will be given clear instructions by a member of staff.

There are several reasons why we do not wish pupils to use their phones during the school day:

- Phones are distracting when in lessons;
- We want pupils to focus on their learning;
- We wish to ensure robust safeguarding of pupils and staff;
- Inappropriate use of social media can be the cause of many friendship and self-esteem problems;
- The internet has adult content which can be used inappropriately; and
- We encourage pupils to talk and socialise with their friends at break and lunchtime.

To end, could I ask that you remind your child for the period of time they are on the school site, their phone should be switched off and remain in their bag. Confiscated phones can be collected at the end of the day from the reception area. Repeated confiscation will require parents to collect their child's phone from school. Inappropriate use of mobile phones and social media, along with the recording and distribution of videos/photos can result in fixed-term exclusion from school.

Thank you for your continued support in this matter.

Kind regards,

Mike Stephens

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Headteacher