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Dear Parent/Carer

The Academy recognises the benefits of new technology and for this reason has allowed students to have mobile phones and use them on the site.

Unfortunately, some students are choosing to use their mobile phones in an inappropriate manner which is disrupting learning and is disrespectful. For these reasons, the Academy is prohibiting the use of mobile phones on both sites. Students will still be able to carry a mobile phone but it must be kept out of view at all times. If students choose to make their phone visible inside the building or in an outside area, it will be confiscated. Parent/carers will be able to collect the mobile phone at the end of the day on behalf of their child. If a student refuses to comply with a request to give a member of staff their mobile phone, parent/carers will be contacted and asked to resolve the issue. In cases of absolute defiance this could lead to a fixed term exclusion. Students are free to use their mobile phones once they have left the Academy building at the end of the day and before they arrive in the morning. In the event that you need to get an urgent message to your child please contact Student Services.

The Academy realises this is a significant change so in order to prepare students the rule will come into effect on Monday 28th March 2011. Staff will ensure that all students are aware of this change and the consequences of them not co-operating. Please could you support the Academy by discussing this with your child and if you have any concerns please contact the Academy before it is implemented.

This arrangement will continue until the end of July at which time it will be reviewed and you will be notified of any change.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely

Ms G Nicholson
Acting Principal