



Crispin School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

I am writing to you regarding the Government's recent directive in relation to mobile phones in schools.

The updated national guidance reinforces the expectation that schools take clear and consistent steps to minimise the use of mobile phones during the school day. I would like to reassure you that the implications of this directive fully support the mobile phone policy that we already have in place at our school. Our existing policy remains unchanged and can be accessed on the school website.

At the heart of this approach is our commitment to creating a safe, learning-led environment where all students can thrive. We are determined to ensure that social media and social communication do not distract from learning or cause harm to members of our community. While mobile technology is an important and powerful part of modern life, it must be used at the right time and in the right way.

As a school, we absolutely recognise the potential and value of technology. When used correctly and maturely, it can be immensely progressive for all members of our community. Through our curriculum, students are taught about emerging technologies, online safety, digital literacy and the key skills required to navigate the modern world responsibly. Education, rather than avoidance, remains central to our approach.

We also understand that many parents and carers wish their children to carry a mobile phone for safety and communication when travelling to and from school. We support this. However, during the school day, the following expectations apply:

- Mobile phones must be switched off and kept in school bags at all times.
- No mobile phone should be seen anywhere on the school site.
- Students who require the use of a mobile phone for an agreed purpose (for example, medical reasons) will be supported appropriately.
- Phones must not be taken out of bags until students have left the school site at the end of the day.
- If a phone is seen at any point during the school day, it will be placed in Reception and can be collected at the end of that day.
- Persistent use of a mobile phone during the school day will result in a meeting with the relevant Head of Year and an agreed mobile phone plan.

From Monday 2 March, we will be reinforcing this policy consistently across the school.

We would greatly appreciate you taking the time to speak with your child or children about these expectations so that we can work together to ensure clarity and consistency. Your support in reinforcing these standards at home makes a significant difference.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support in helping us maintain a safe, focused and respectful learning environment for all.

Yours sincerely,

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