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Dear Parents and Carers,

Re: Mobile Phones

I am writing to remind you of our expectations regarding mobile phones in school.

The Department for Education (DfE) guidance requires schools in England to be mobile phone-free environments by default, with any exceptions being by exception only. The guidance is statutory and schools are expected to ensure that pupils do not have access to their mobile phones throughout the school day.

At SAX, we are committed to ensuring that students are able to learn without the distraction and disruption that mobile phones can cause. Wherever possible, we would encourage students to leave their phones at home.

If a student does need to bring a phone to school, it must be **switched off completely and kept securely in their bag throughout the school day**. Having a mobile phone in a blazer pocket or trouser pocket will be considered a breach of our policy, even if the phone is switched off. Students should not use, access or have their phones on their person at any point during the school day.

We will continue to address any breaches of these expectations in line with our Behaviour Policy. Following an offence, parents will receive an individual letter outlining the incident and the action taken. For repeat offences, Reflection and suspensions will be actioned where appropriate, in line with Government guidance and our Behaviour Policy.

It is important that students understand that these expectations are not simply school rules; they reflect the current statutory expectations for schools.

If students do not adhere to these requirements, we will need to consider further measures, including removing phones from students during the school day.

You can read the full DfE guidance here:
Mobile phones in schools – Department for Education guidance

We appreciate your support in reinforcing these expectations at home. Our shared aim is to ensure that students can focus fully on their learning and that SAX remains a calm, purposeful and positive environment for everyone.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely

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