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Executive Headteacher: Miss J Redman

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Dear Parents

Thank you for your response regarding the Smartphone Survey we recently sent out. As a group of local headteachers, we have recently met and reviewed the findings which highlighted significant concern as well as support to moving towards a smartphone free future across both the primary and secondary sector.

Following on from our most recent meeting, we share your concern and have determined that all of our school's will move towards becoming smartphone free with the following phased implementation:

- With immediate effect, children currently in Year 5 and above are discouraged from owning a smartphone.
- From September 2026, our collective policy will be that only brick phones will be permitted as a form of communication whilst children are travelling to and from school to provide reassurance to those parents who feel they need to be in contact with their children.

To support you with this change, we will provide further information in due course. However, we also wanted to prevent any unnecessary purchases e.g. at Christmas time, by giving you as much notification as possible for our planned intention.

Of course this decision has not been made lightly and is based on concerns raised by families and educational professionals across our local community.

Yours sincerely,

