

11<sup>th</sup> March 2024

Dear Parents/Carers,

I am writing to reinforce the importance of our school's mobile phone policy and to emphasise the critical role it plays in maintaining a working environment conducive to learning for all students.

Our mobile phone policy outlines clear guidelines for the appropriate use of mobile phones on school grounds. Students are not allowed mobile phones during lessons or directed study, unless they are being directed to use them by a teacher. Students can use mobile phones during their recreational time, if they wish, however many choose to socialise without their mobile phones and/or play sport or engage in other clubs. Students are also educated about the acceptable use of mobile phones through the PSHE/RSHE curriculum. Please see full guidance <u>download.asp</u> (beths.bexley.sch.uk)

As you may be aware the Department for Education recently published guidelines recommending that mobile phones should be banned during the school day. As such, our school policy will be reviewed and updated following consultations with staff, students and parents.

Thank you for your attention to this matter, and for your continued dedication to the well-being and success of our students.

Yours faithfully,

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