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Dear Parents and Carers,

MOBILE PHONES IN SCHOOL

As we prepare to return for another year at school, I want to remind all pupils, parents, and carers of our policy on mobile phones, the aim of which is to ensure we prioritise the learning and wellbeing of our young people.

I fully understand why parents send their sons and daughters to school with a mobile phone. However, our expectation is that **mobile phones will not be visible or otherwise available in the school building during lesson time**. This means that young people should not be using, holding, or looking at phones, or otherwise have them out in class, or as they make their way from one class to the next. This also applies to earphones. Pupils *will* be able to use phones and similar devices at break and lunch time, but not at any other times.

At 8:50 am pupils should ensure their phone is silent and secured safely in their school bag, along with earphones, where they should stay for the remainder of the day except, perhaps, at break and lunch time. They will be expected to arrive in class with their phones already in their bags. All teachers will have a mobile phone tray in their classroom. Pupils who bring their phone/earphones out in class for **any reason** will be instructed to deposit the device in the tray for the remainder of the lesson. Devices will be returned at the end of the lesson. In addition, any pupil who is excused from class, for example to use the toilet, will be instructed to leave their phone in the tray. Pupils will be expected to cooperate with all aspects of this policy. Parents will be contacted if their son/daughter's use of a mobile phone and/or earphones poses a problem on an ongoing basis. Pupils can continue to communicate with their parents at break and lunch, and parents can make urgent contact via our school office.

Please feel free to contact me by phone if you wish to discuss any aspect of this.

This approach to mobile phones in school proved successful in the last session, and our pupils did very well with these arrangements. For their education and wellbeing, it is vital that we continue with this approach to mobile devices in school.

Many thanks to all members of the Eastbank community for your ongoing support.

Yours sincerely

Jonathan Graham
Head Teacher



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