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Dear parent

I am writing to address recent concerns of the college regarding inappropriate use of mobile phones in school, as well as concerns regarding some of our students' use of social media sites and sharing of images.

Bring Your Own Device Policy

Since September 2020 the college have operated a Bring Your Own Device (BYOD) policy. This policy can be accessed on the school website or by clicking [here](#). While we appreciate and embrace the fantastic opportunities offered by having access to a personal mobile device (PMD), it is important that:

- Parents realise that students will not be disadvantaged by not having access to a PMD in school;
- Students who do bring a PMD to school are responsible for its use in school and are expected to observe rules for its use in school as clearly detailed in our BYOD policy;
- Students and parents are aware that the consequences of breaching these rules can result in the PMD being confiscated and returned only when the parent is present to collect it from a senior teacher in school.

Social Networking Sites and Sharing images

Parents and students are reminded that the posting of inappropriate content or images on social network sites is not only extremely distressing to those involved but also illegal.

If the college is made aware of such a post, we will make contact with the social media platform to have the post removed, report the matter to the PSNI, and work with the PSNI to help identify the perpetrator/s.

Students found to be involved in the creation or posting of such material should expect the matter to be dealt with through our Positive Behaviour Policy. Sanctions imposed may range from after school detention to suspension or expulsion.

We ask that you discuss the above matters with your child and ensure they are fully aware and understand their responsibilities in regards to the BYOD policy and using Social Network sites.

Yours sincerely

Michael Gormley
Principal



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Principal: Mr Michael Gormley