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Dear Parent/Guardian

RE: Mobile Phone Pilot for Year 8 – Information and Parental Response

From the first day back after the Easter break, we will be introducing a new mobile phone pilot for **Year 8 pupils**. This initiative is part of our wider efforts to support a more focused learning environment and to help pupils develop healthy habits around digital technology.

Pilot Summary – Year 8

- **Every morning**, pupils will be asked to hand in their mobile phone to their **form teacher during registration**.
- Phones will be placed in a **secure, locked box** and stored safely during the school day.
- At the end of the final period, the box will be brought to the class and phones will be returned to pupils in the **last 5 minutes** of the day.
- Phones will not be accessible during break, lunch, or between classes.
- **Exception:** Pupils who have a **prior agreement with the SENCO** may have **limited, supervised access to their phone** in the **Learning Support Room only**. This will be closely managed by staff and will be subject to review.

Clear Expectations and Consequences

- If a parent/carer has indicated that their child **does not bring a phone to school**, and the pupil is later **found with a phone**, the following will apply:
    - The phone will be **confiscated and placed in the school safe**.
    - It will only be returned **after 3:30pm to a parent or guardian**.
    - If a pupil refuses to hand over their phone, **parents will be contacted and may be asked to come to the college to collect both the phone and, if necessary, their child**.

This approach is intended to reduce distractions and support pupils in making the most of their time in school. It also ensures consistency and fairness in how we apply our expectations.

Please click here to complete a short online form re. mobile phone project.

Yours sincerely

M. Gormley.

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Principal

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