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Dear Parents and Carers

Every school has a duty to create an environment that is calm, safe, and free from distraction so all pupils, whatever their background, can learn and thrive. One of the greatest challenges facing schools is the presence of mobile phones.

Mobile phones risk unnecessary distraction, disruption, and diversion. One in three secondary school pupils report that mobile phones are used in most lessons without permission. This not only distracts the single pupil using the phone, but disrupts the lesson for a whole class, and diverts teachers' efforts away from learning.

We owe it to our children to do what we can to remove distractions and enable them to be fully present and engaged in the classroom. We also owe it to our pupils to keep them safe at school. By removing mobile phones from the school day, we can create a safe space where pupils are protected from the risks and dangers associated with social media and cyber-bullying.

Where a student needs to speak to a parent urgently, they must alert a member of school staff to seek authorisation to do so.

With the recent Department of Education guidance being released on mobile phones in February 2024 and several incidents taking place in school with the misuse of mobile phones, we will be reinforcing the school policy on not allowing mobiles phones to be used in school. If a mobile device is seen or heard, it will be confiscated. Repeated offence will lead to further sanctions.

We need to work together to stop the misuse and disruption mobiles cause to learning. If you have any concerns or if you wish to discuss the matter further, then please do not hesitate to contact me at craig.chapman3@bulwellacademy.org.uk or on 0115 964 7640.

Yours sincerely

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