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Mobile Phone Acceptable Use Policy Consultation

Dear Parent/Carer(s) and

Following on from my previous correspondence about our review of the Mobile Phone Acceptable Use Policy, I would like to update you on our recent parent and student consultations.

We have been delighted by the interest that this matter has ignited and the responses that we have received. We will now be using this information to help us finalise our new policy which will be active from Monday 5th June 2017.

Parent Responses

We received 290 parental responses to the consultation survey of the draft policy. The breakdown of responses was as follows:

152 responses (52.4%) completely agreed

120 responses (41.4%) mostly agreed

13 responses (4.5%) mostly disagreed

5 responses (1.7%) completely disagreed

There were many very useful and constructive comments made by parent/carer(s) which expressed significant support for the school introducing greater restrictions on mobile phone use. The most common area of concern related to how parent/carer(s) might contact their child during the school day. We will address this concern as well as others when we publish our final policy.

Student Responses

We received 57 student responses to the consultation survey of the draft policy. The breakdown of responses was as follows:

2 responses (3.5%) completely agreed

6 responses (10.5%) mostly agreed

26 responses (45.6%) mostly disagreed

23 responses (40.3%) completely disagreed

Again there were lots of eloquent comments made by students expressing their views on the proposals. The majority of opposition centred on students' desire to use their phones at break and lunchtime.

Since the start of the summer term we have been asking students to put away their phones if they are seen out during the school day. It has been noticeable that the vast majority of students have willingly complied with our request and it has created a very positive and sociable atmosphere around the school. Pastoral staff have commented that there have been far fewer incidents of the misuse of phone communication since we have started this trial. Students who have been asked to put away their phones have done so without complaint and we have been able to engage in lots of productive conversations about the appropriate use of mobile devices.

If you would like to hear more of my views on the challenges and opportunities of mobile technologies, then you are still able to sign up for our Parent Engagement Evening that is taking place tonight (Thursday, 4th May 2017). I will be speaking between 19:00 and 20:00 in the main school hall. Please [follow this link to reserve a place.](#)

I will be in touch before half term with a copy of the final policy but would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone that took part in the consultation.

Yours faithfully

Mr J Scott

Deputy Headteacher