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Dear Families,

I am writing to remind you of our 'See It, Lose It' mobile phone policy, which has been in place at TPA for the past three years. The Department for Education has recently updated its national guidance on mobile phones in schools, stating that all schools must have a policy that clearly prohibits students from accessing their phones at any point while on the school site. This includes:

- Before and after school
- The whole school day
- Lessons
- When moving between lessons
- At social times, including break and lunch
- Detentions

Our policy already reflects this guidance, and a link to the full policy is included for your reference: [Mobile device policy](#)

Mobile phones can contribute to a range of issues in school, including bullying, antisocial behaviour, and students becoming distracted from their learning. They can also expose young people to the well documented risks and dangers associated with mobile phone use, including online harm, social pressure, and disrupted sleep patterns. By limiting phone use during the school day, we aim to protect students' childhood, ensure they receive a great education, and keep them safe.

To support this, we will continue to enforce our policy consistently. If a student is seen with their mobile phone at any time during the school day, the device will be confiscated and securely stored in Command. Refusal will result in students being placed in the removal room. Students will be able to collect their phone at the end of the school day. All confiscations will be logged on Arbor so that parents and carers are informed.

We strongly advise that you do not contact your child directly during school hours. If you need to get a message to them, please use one of the following routes:

- Call the school's main reception: [0333 360 2200](tel:03333602200)
- Email the main office info@theportsmouthacademy.org.uk
- Email the Pastoral team: pastoral@theportsmouthacademy.org.uk
- Email the safeguarding team: safeguarding@theportsmouthacademy.org.uk

Using these channels ensures that messages are passed on promptly and that students remain focused on their learning.



If you would like further information on how to support your child in developing healthy habits around mobile phone use, you may find the following website helpful:

<https://smartphonefreechildhood.co.uk>

We appreciate your continued support in helping us maintain a safe, respectful, and distraction free learning environment for all students.

Yours sincerely,

Sarah Dedman
Senior Vice Principal