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Dear Blaise Families,

I am writing to you regarding our policy on mobile phone use in school. I am sure many of you will have seen that this has been in the news recently, as the Department for Education has recently released guidance for all schools on becoming 'phone free'. We welcome this as Blaise High School is already a phone free school. The Department for Education guidance can be found [here](#).

This is an opportune moment to remind the entire community of our mobile phone policy. We believe that, in general, young people use their mobile phones too much. We believe that in order for students to learn in a safe, secure, disruption free environment our school must be phone free. The volume of safeguarding incidents, cyber bullying and general unkindness reported to us that involve the use of mobile phones gives us real concern, and we want to limit the opportunities for this.

Mobile phones are to be kept turned off and out of sight at all times throughout the day, including after 3pm and anywhere on site. If they are seen, they will be confiscated, parents or carers will receive a text message and we will only return them to parents, carers or adult relatives. This is the same policy that has been in place since September '22.

More information on our policy can be found [here](#)

If you have any questions about this please don't hesitate to contact your child's Head of Year.

A video summary of this letter can be found [here](#)

Yours faithfully,

**Mr N Nabarro**  
Headteacher

