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Dear Parents and Carers,

Subject: Important: National Ban on Mobile Phones and Smart Devices

I am writing to update you on the national ban on the use of mobile phones and smart devices during the school day, which comes into force on Monday 29th June, regardless of individual school policy. This will not change much at all for us at Kingstone High School, as our current policy is already that students should switch mobile phones off and leave them in their bag for the duration of the school day.

From Monday, however, this will also impact **smart watches**. Please speak to your child about either not bringing a smart watch to school, or ensuring that, when they arrive into school, it is also switched off and placed in their bag.

What this means for your child – current arrangements

- Mobile devices must not be used at any time during the school day, including during lessons, transitions, and break/lunchtime.
- If students bring a mobile phone, smart watch or wireless earphones to school, they must be switched off and stored securely (e.g., in their bag) for the entire day.
- Any device seen, heard, or used during the day will be confiscated in line with the school's behaviour policy, and may need to be collected by a parent or carer.

New academic year arrangements – whole-school phone pouches

From the new academic year, we are moving to a whole-school phone pouch system. Students will lock their phone away and keep it with them in that pouch throughout the school day. We have finalised this plan this week and will write to you again next week with further information about how it will be implemented.

There will also be presentations and resources to help you understand the system and support your child with the change.

Why this change is being made

Our aim is to create an environment where all students can learn without unnecessary distraction and feel safe and supported. Research and national guidance highlight the impact of mobile phone use on:

- Concentration and academic progress
- Mental health and wellbeing
- Online safety and safeguarding

Communication with your child

We understand that parents and carers may sometimes need to contact their child during the school day. In such cases, please contact the school office, and we will ensure that messages are passed on promptly. Similarly, if your child needs to contact you, arrangements can be made through the office. We appreciate your support in helping reinforce these expectations at home. By working together, we can ensure a smooth transition and a positive impact for all students.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Thank you for your continued support.

Kind regards



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Head of School