



ST. AIDAN'S

CHURCH OF ENGLAND HIGH SCHOOL

Dear Parent/Carer

Mobile Phones

The school's policy of no phones to be seen during the school day, has been difficult to enforce during the COVID restrictions. However, from **Monday 17 May** we have decided that we will revert to our previous policy of confiscating the phone if it is seen during school time, this includes break and lunchtimes, and when using the outside recreational areas.

The reasons why we do not wish the students to have their phones are:

- Phones are distracting when in lessons
- Social media is the cause of many friendship and self-esteem problems in school
- The internet has adult content which can be used inappropriately
- We encourage pupils to talk and socialise with their friends in real life at breaks and lunchtimes

Therefore, students should be aware that for the period of time they are on the school site, their phones should be switched off and in their bag. If a member of staff does see a phone then they can confiscate this, we will keep the phone in a clean envelope and then the student can collect this at the end of the day from the reception area.

Thank you for your support in this matter.

Kind regards

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