

Our Ref: HP/HP*

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Dear Parent/Carer

As we come to the end of a successful term, it is useful to reflect on the early developments and improvements at Wath Comprehensive School. Leaders and governors have continued to build on the existing strengths of the school and lay strong foundations on which to secure further improvement.

As you are aware, the School has high standards and expectations of students. We would like to thank you for supporting this and ensuring that your son/daughter attends school all day, every day with the correct uniform, equipment and a 'can do' attitude to learning. With these high standards in mind leaders are aware that there is still much to do and that we must continue to embed standards for learning and high expectations of all students. Next week, your son/daughter will attend an assembly based on our expectations and standards for success from next term.

Changes to the use of Mobile Phones and Devices whilst in School

We have reviewed the use of mobile phones and related technologies whilst students are on site in the School. As of the first day of term, Monday 9 April 2018, no mobile phone or device will be permitted to be used, be on display or switched on during school hours. From point of entry to the site, students must switch off phones, devices and headphones and place them securely in their bag. They must remain out of sight throughout the school day. Students will be able to use the technology once they have left the school site. It is widely recognised that the unregulated use of devices and heightened access to screen time can result in on-line bullying, anti-social behaviour, limited social skills and limited development of spoken and written language.

In order to work with young people and families to raise awareness of the new protocols we will phase in these changes as follows:

Phase 1 – Reminder – 09.04.18

No mobile phone or smart device, including smart watches should be accessed, activated or visible whilst on school site. If seen by any member of staff, students will be stopped, asked to remove or switch off and place in their bag. If students refuse, serious School sanctions will follow.

Phase 2 – Confiscation – 23.04.18

Expectations as above but if mobile phones or devices are seen, they will be confiscated, enclosed in a labelled envelope and taken by staff to our main reception to be securely stored. The device will only be returned to the student at the end of school, at 2.45pm, from the main reception. This will be logged as part of the behaviour system and a C4 consequence will be given to the student.

Phase 3 – Confiscation – 07.05.18

Again expectations are as above, however, the device will only be returned, after a second occurrence, directly to the parent/carers, or the student will be able to collect after five school days. This will be logged as part of the behaviour system and a C4 consequence will be given to the student.

As always, if your son/daughter needs to contact home or you need to contact them during the school day, please feel free to contact our main reception. Student safety remains the first priority whilst on site.

Finally, we do hope that you will continue to support the school as we strive to secure the focus on learning and excellence in all areas of provision. If you wish to discuss any of the changes outlined in this letter, please feel free to do so through the Pastoral and Senior Leadership Team.

Your sincerely

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